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## Auburn Planning Committee Approves Zoning Over Opposition to New Wal-Mart

Batesies join community in push to reconsider benefits of proposed retail "supercenter."

By WILL COGHLAN  
News Editor  
and RICK MORRILL

AUBURN, Maine — Bates students and faculty gathered with community residents last night in the Auburn City Building for an open meeting of the City Planning Council. The issue at hand was one of zoning, but it quickly became clear that as far as the citizens present were concerned, the issue was the proposed construction of a Wal-Mart "super center" in Auburn.

The city of Auburn has already endorsed plans from Konover Development to build the largest Wal-Mart store in Maine. Last night's meeting was an attempt by L/A residents to convince the members of the Planning Council to bring a recommendation of re-zoning to the Auburn City Council in an effort to stop the project. The area of proposed development is opposite the existing Auburn Wal-Mart in a rocky, 60 acre woodlot behind BJ's Wholesale. The "supercenter", at 220,000 sq. ft., will be more than twice the size of the existing store, with parking planned for almost 2000 cars. The general merchandise offered in the existing store will be complimented by 50,000 sq. ft. of groceries, one of many improvements touted by Wal-Mart and Konover Development. The plans call for an entrance to the new development across from the existing store and another on residential Turner street, about 500 feet south of the Mount Auburn Avenue intersec-

tion.

In a November 5, 1999 article in The Lewiston Sun Journal, Konover's Vice President, John Larson, claimed that the area sees higher-than-average retail spending per-capita, and is thus attractive to large corporations.

"People buy their hearts out up here," he said.

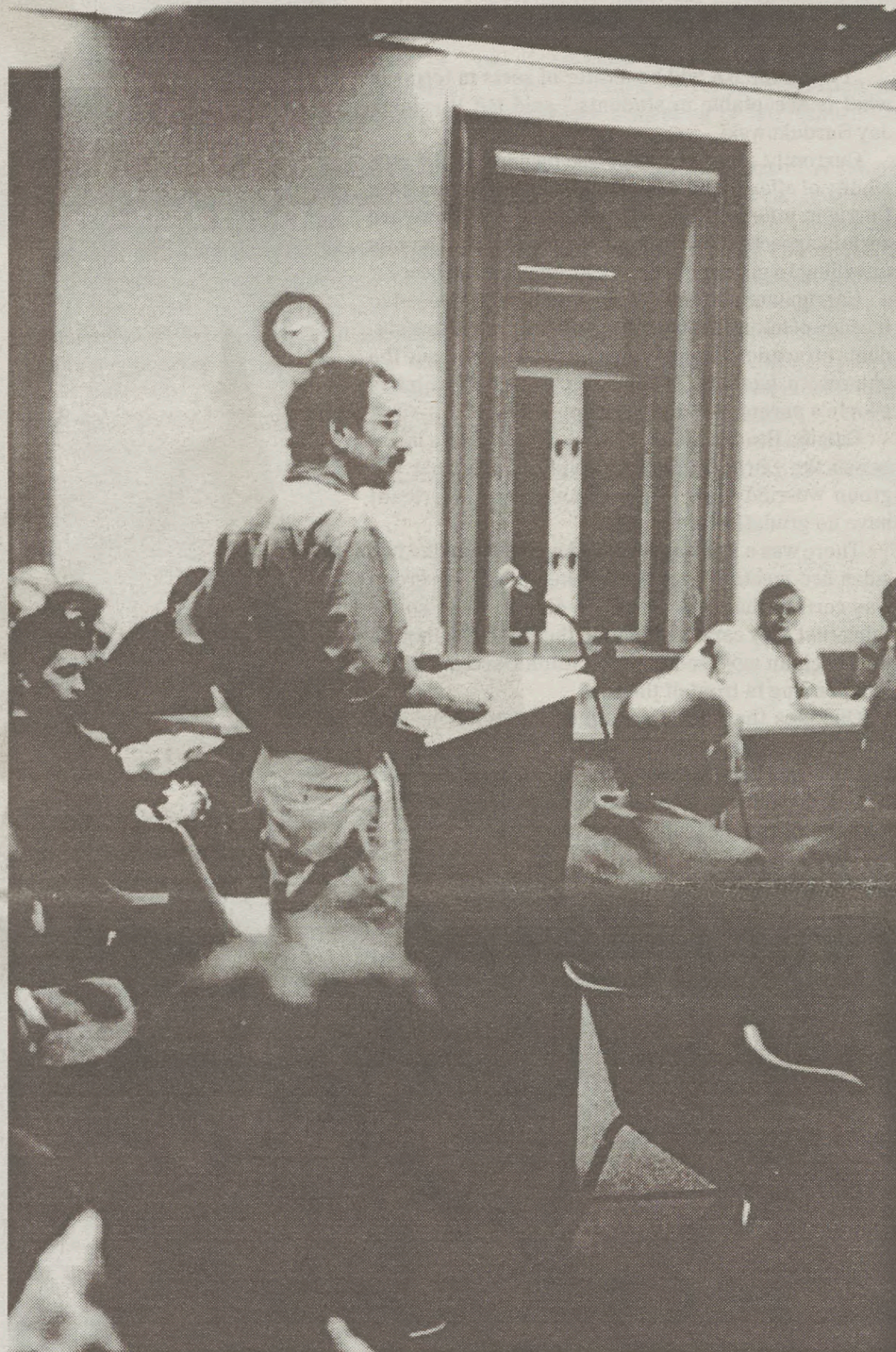
Keith Morris, Wal-Mart's director of community affairs, echoed that reasoning, stating, "The Auburn store is hugely successful. In the six years since it was built, it's grown too small for the number of people who use it."

The land in question was re-zoned to a "general business" designation in response to petitions approved by the Planning Board in October 1998 and November 1999 meetings. Speculation by members of the Maine People's Alliance, a group well-represented at Thursday night's meeting, linked the zoning changes with petitions from Konover and Wal-Mart.

A site plan brought to the City Planning Board has been approved, but applications sent to the State Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Transportation are still under consideration.

The majority of last night's meeting was devoted to input from citizens who were overwhelmingly in favor of the petition to change

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Bates Chemistry Professor Tom Wenzel stressed quality of life issues in his comments to the Auburn City Planning Board in Thursday's meeting.

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## RA Hears Second Proposal to Curb Dorm Damage

Stanton/Carrigan plan does not go after parking rights, reconciliation bill in the works this weekend.

By MATTHEW EPSTEIN  
Editor in Chief

Student concern and discussion about dorm damage at Bates College grew this week with the introduction of a second proposal to discourage Batesies from breaking things on the scale seen in recent years.

Representative Assembly members Andy Stanton and Michael Carrigan offered a bill on Monday night that's chief feature was a different set of punishments for those who commit dorm damage.

The Stanton/Carrigan plan focuses on "The need in Andy and my view is for a substantive link between crime and punishment," said Carrigan on Thursday.

One of the features of the other anti-dorm

damage plan, proposed by a group of RC's and JA's known as the Dorm Damage Committee, was punishments for dorm damage that were not particularly related to the offenses committed. For example, someone who commits a second act of negligence might lose their parking sticker, or be denied the privilege of walking at graduation.

"They [the Dorm Damage Committee] came to me last term saying that they were disturbed by dorm damage and issues of respect and civility in residential areas," said Assistant Dean of Students Holly Gurney, who has been speaking with the committee.

"They decided, with all the deans' encouragement, to create a draft," continued Gurney.

That draft, which was released two weeks

ago, has definitely accomplished one of its goals, which was creating discussion about dorm damage on campus.

There is a growing group of students, including Stanton and Carrigan, who feel that the original proposal was too harsh. In the RA, there is another bill pending that denounces the Dorm Damage Committee's ideas as too harsh.

"The proposed dorm damage policy put forth by the RC's and JA's is completely inadequate and does not reflect the interests of students in the general population," opens the bill, which was co-authored by RA Vice President Jonah Safris. Safris has announced that he supports the Stanton/Carrigan bill.

Even the deans of students have some

concern about the original proposal. "There does seem to be a couple of things that seem unduly severe," said Gurney. "...This should get conversation going."

While Gurney acknowledged that the deans would like to see some plan to combat dorm damage, she told The Bates Student that she thought that having a plan created students would be more effective.

"We would be thrilled to receive a student initiative with RA endorsement," she said, explaining that something that is grassroots

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## Dorm Damage

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in nature is more likely to be acceptable to most students.

The next step for this debate is likely some sort of compromise bill in the RA.

"I think the RA will be a filter of sorts in terms of what is acceptable to students," said RA President Jay Surdukowski.

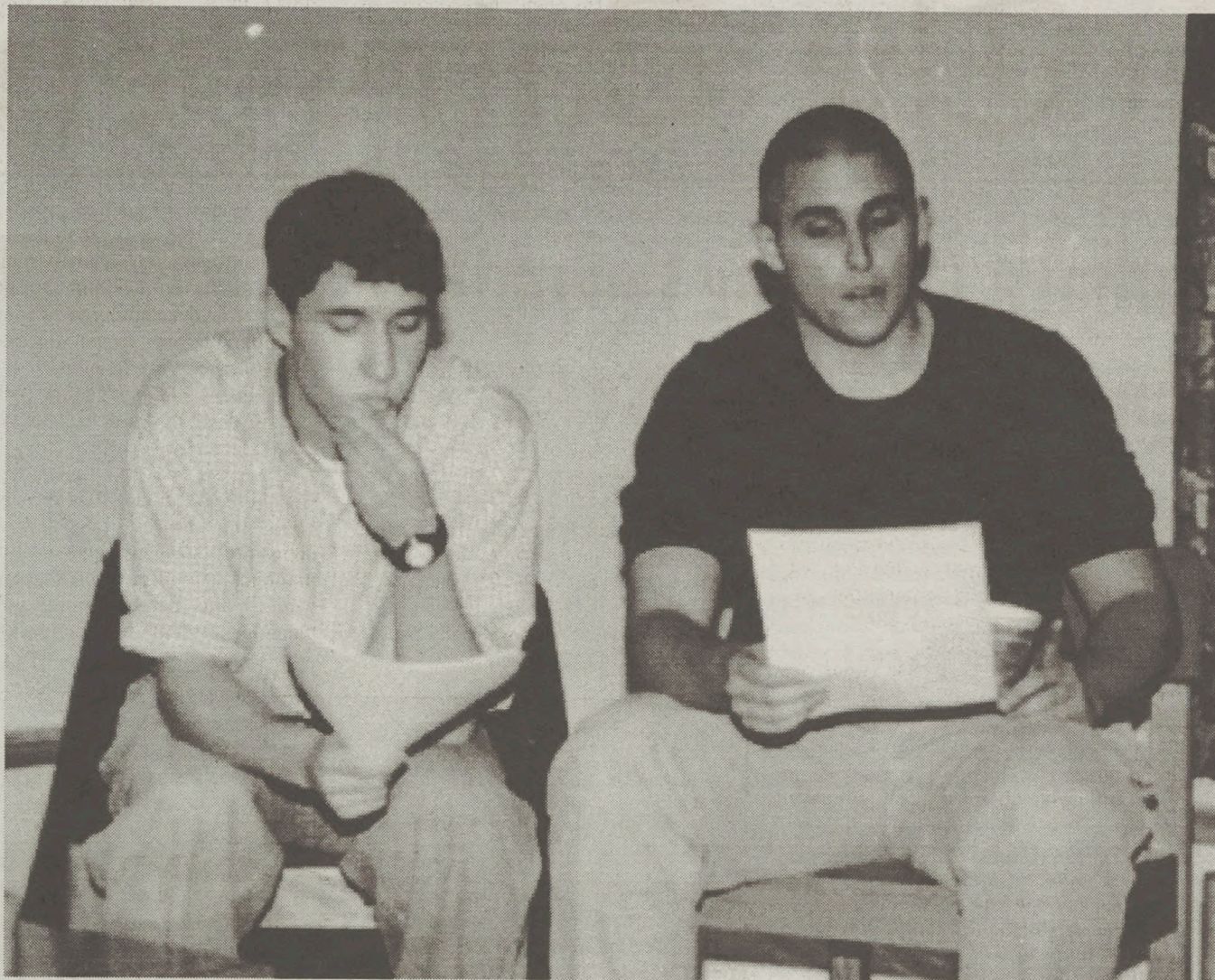
Currently, the two groups are discussing the possibility of offering a combined bill to the RA. However, Carrigan informed The Bates Student that there are certain aspects of the RC and JA proposal that he was unwilling to go along with under any circumstances.

Carrigan and Stanton are particularly opposed to the idea of taking away parking privileges, putting students on academic probation, or denying someone the chance to walk at graduation, which "Punishes people's parents," said Carrigan.

Camilla Brooks, RC of Parson's House, and a member of the Dorm Damage Committee, said that her group worried that: "They [Stanton and Carrigan] have no gradation of damage."

There was a meeting Wednesday night, and the two sides are meeting over the weekend. Neither group was certain that they would be able to write something that they care to submit to the RA, but if they do not reach an agreement, the Stanton/Carrigan bill is still pending in front of the RA.

One idea that may come up is that of having students who commit dorm damage work off their penalties for the college. However, there is discomfort about punishing students by having them do the same work as college groundskeepers and custodians.



Mike Carrigan (left), and Andy Stanton during the debate of their proposal on Monday.

Asad Butt/The Bates Student

## Counting the Masses: A look at the U.S. Census

By Robert K. Silverman  
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(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. —You have seen its catchy advertisement while watching the Super Bowl and riding the T. Your parents have received at least one announcement in the mail. Your House Master may already have e-mailed you an advance warning.

This week, an event 10 years in the making finally arrives — the United States census.

Over the next few days, almost every household in America will receive a simple form, seven questions long, in the mail.

Though the form should only take about 10 minutes to fill out, the federal, state and local governments, in addition to private corporations, will use the information it provides to dole out billions of dollars in funding every year for the next decade.

"On April 15, you have to settle with Uncle Sam on what you owe the government. The census form is your way of telling the government what they should give back to your community," says Steven E. Clinkenbeard, manager of the district census office.

Over the next several weeks, Cambridge will embark on a series of measures to maximize responses throughout the city and at Harvard. Cambridge will rely on Harvard students — considered inhabitants of Cambridge even if they vote, pay taxes or legally reside elsewhere — to both return their forms promptly and assist local census-takers.

A complete count, Clinkenbeard says, will ensure that the community receives its full share of government funding, provide accurate demographic data and help guide city planning.

### CENSUS 2000

The census occurs once every 10 years, as mandated by the Constitution. Its purpose

is to provide a complete count of all individuals living in America, regardless of race, age, nationality or citizenship status.

This year's census includes a number of changes from 1990, when the census was last administered.

Audrey Dolar Tejada, media specialist of the Boston regional census office, says the effort this year is "multicultural and multilingual [to] reflect the changing face of America."

"It's the only common civic institution," she says. "All classes, all racial groups [participate]. The census makes no distinction if you are a citizen or not."

The census will be available in six languages, including English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and Tagalog, a Philippine dialect. Local census centers established to help residents with forms will have aids in 49 languages.

In addition, the 2000 census represents the first time respondents will be able to specify more than one race.

In previous years, the form instructed respondents to check only one race category. But this year, respondents may check as many boxes as they feel apply.

The census this year is also the shortest in more than a century.

Five-sixths of American households will receive a form of seven questions, asking for the name, age, sex, race, possibility of Hispanic origin, and homeowner status of everyone in the household, in addition to every residents' relationship to the person filling out the form. The form should take about 10 minutes to complete.

The remaining one-sixth of households will receive a longer form of 34 questions to complete, providing more detailed information about family relationships and history, work status and income, educational level and housing opportunities and costs. The longer form should take about 38 minutes to

fill out.

All forms are due April 1.

### INFORMATION WITH A PURPOSE

Census data is used for a variety of purposes by the government and private industry.

The primary purpose, that enumerated by the Constitution, is for political reapportionment, to ensure equal representation at the federal and local levels.

By the end of this year, the U.S. Census Bureau will release information to determine which states will gain or lose Congressional representatives. A few months into 2001, information will be available for local redistricting. The bureau will release more demographic information by the end of 2001, and by 2002 the entire census will be available on CD-ROM, Clinkenbeard says.

Massachusetts lost one seat in the House of Representatives in 1990, but is not expected to lose another this year.

In addition to redistricting, the government uses census data to provide more than \$185 billion in services every year, in programs ranging from schools, hospitals and infrastructure to senior services and daycare.

Private industry also takes advantage of census data. Corporations use the demographic information the census provides to evaluate regional growth.

"Census data [is] the informational bedrock for industry and market research and investment planning," Clinkenbeard says. "[When companies are deciding] where to put that shopping mall or McDonald's, some of the data they look for is the census."

The census office releases information in statistical form only. All personal responses remain confidential for 72 years.

### PLAYING THE NUMBERS GAME

The federal government has allocated \$6.8 billion to fund the census effort.

Twelve regional offices and 520 local of-

fices have been established to help in its administration. The Boston regional office, located at Copley Place, serves all of New England and upstate New York, and the local census office, located in East Cambridge, targets Cambridge, Somerville, Melrose, Malden and Medford.

This year the government has embarked on a much more aggressive advertising campaign to inform the public about the census and to encourage responses.

In addition to public service announcements, which have run in the past decades, the government will spend \$167 million on paid television, radio and print advertisements, designed to inform mainstream audiences and target communities whose response rates have been historically low.

"This is the first time ever the census has tried to use advertising to try to appeal to the wide demographics that make up America," Tejada says.

The government purchased a 30-second commercial for half price during the Super Bowl and will rival major advertisers like McDonald's and Burger King in ad volume for March and April, Clinkenbeard says.

Advertisements, and radio ads in particular, will run in several languages to encourage the participation of historically underrepresented minority and immigrant groups.

In addition to advertisements, the government will rely on of mailings and home visits to ensure maximum participation.

This year's census will include a series of three mailings. The first, which most households should already have received, is a letter announcing the upcoming census. The second, mailed out at the beginning of this week, is the form itself, and the third is a postcard due to arrive in April reminding

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## Census

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residents to complete the form.

Should the mailings fail to elicit a response, the census office will dispatch a fleet of enumerators — men and women who will visit households in their neighborhood that have not yet responded — to offer assistance.

Tejada says the government will hire about 800,000 enumerators nationwide, and Clinkenbeard estimates Cambridge will require at least 400.

Offices will rely primarily on those not in the regular workforce — including the elderly, part-time employees and college students — to serve as enumerators.

"Given an unemployment rate of under two percent in Cambridge, we are going to be relying heavily on part-time workers," Clinkenbeard says.

He says he hopes to attract at least several dozen Harvard students to work on campus and in Cambridge. Enumerators earn \$15 per hour.

Enumerators are, however, a last resort. Clinkenbeard says a response returned by mail costs taxpayers about \$3, but the cost of a response obtained by enumerators going door to door jumps to about \$27.

### COMPLETING THE COUNT

Like all communities across America, Cambridge is eager to maximize its census returns to garner as much government funding as possible and provide accurate demographic data.

But Cambridge differs in two fundamental respects from most other cities of its size. It is home to a number of immigrant communities, making the city very linguistically diverse, and much of Cambridge's population is composed of transient college students.

Both of these factors complicate the information-gathering process.

"For Cambridge, with a relatively high immigrant population, making sure that members of those groups are counted is very significant," says Stephanie E. Ackert, chair of the Cambridge Complete Count Committee (CCCC). "Also sometimes there is confusion with college and university students about where they should be counted."

Cambridge established the CCCC last fall to help maximize local response. The committee represents a collaboration between city officials, the school department, community agencies and churches.

The CCCC, which meets once a month, distributes information about the census and works with local groups that may be "harder to enumerate," such as immigrants and minorities, Ackert says. The committee also plans to send letters to all city employees to inform them about the census and possible job opportunities as enumerators.

Akert says the CCCC aims to prevent an undercount in Cambridge. She says she believes the 1990 census missed about 4,000 to 5,000 Cambridge residents — an amount symptomatic of a major undercount in 1990, that was a problem across the nation.

The CCCC works closely with the local census office, which faces similar concerns regarding Cambridge's population.

The district office has already begun searching for qualified personnel to serve in question assistance centers.

"We've recruited heavily among the major language groups," Clinkenbeard says.

Assistance centers in Cambridge will offer aid in Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian-Creole, among other languages.

The office has also begun targeting neighborhoods with historically low response rates.

"Renters are less likely to return than homeowners. Low-income and public housing [residents] tend to have an historically lower response rate," Clinkenbeard says.

He says the district office has been recruiting applicants to serve as enumerators for several months, and is now beginning to offer training sessions.

Enumerators will begin going door to door towards the end of April, well after the April 1 deadline, and will be active through June, Clinkenbeard says.

The district office opened last September and will remain open through September of this year. Its current staff numbers about 100.

## Wal-Mart

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the zoning back to a "residential" designation. The meeting was a chance for the public to voice concerns about the proposed development. Comments were supposed to be limited to the specific zoning proposal, however several speakers had to be reminded that references to Wal-Mart were off limits.

Bates Chemistry Professor Tom Wenzel has been chair of a citizen's comprehensive community planning committee, whose report was submitted to the Board prior to the zoning changes in '98 and '99. Along with stressing the original intent of the report, Wenzel brought up several issues that were echoed throughout the evening. A degradation in quality of life became a central focus of many comments, and Wenzel articulated the loss of the "social aspect" of shopping associated with the larger retailers. He also asked if it was possible for the proposal to co-exist with established retailers such as K-Mart and Shaw's.

A Maine State Representative present also commented on the competition the new store would present to those already in the area.

"Why contribute to the already precari-

ous position of local merchants?" He also made reference to the recent news of Wal-Mart's numerous violations of state child labor laws.

Professor Sarah Strong was also in attendance, and spoke on another recurrent theme of long term community planning.

"What if in five years the big boxes are out?" she said, questioning the place of large-scale retailers in a time when alternative shopping sources such as the Internet are becoming increasingly popular.

Steve Taylor, a spokesman from the Maine People's Alliance questioned the prudence of such a large development in a space with topography that has proven unsuitable for all other forms of development.

"The fact that we have the technology to virtually level the land does not mean that it is the highest or best form of use."

Edward Little High School senior Anna Bullet offered an eloquent statement on behalf of the "future of Lewiston/Auburn," in opposition to the development, and asked the planning committee to make decisions that would make the community an appealing place for students to remain after gradua-

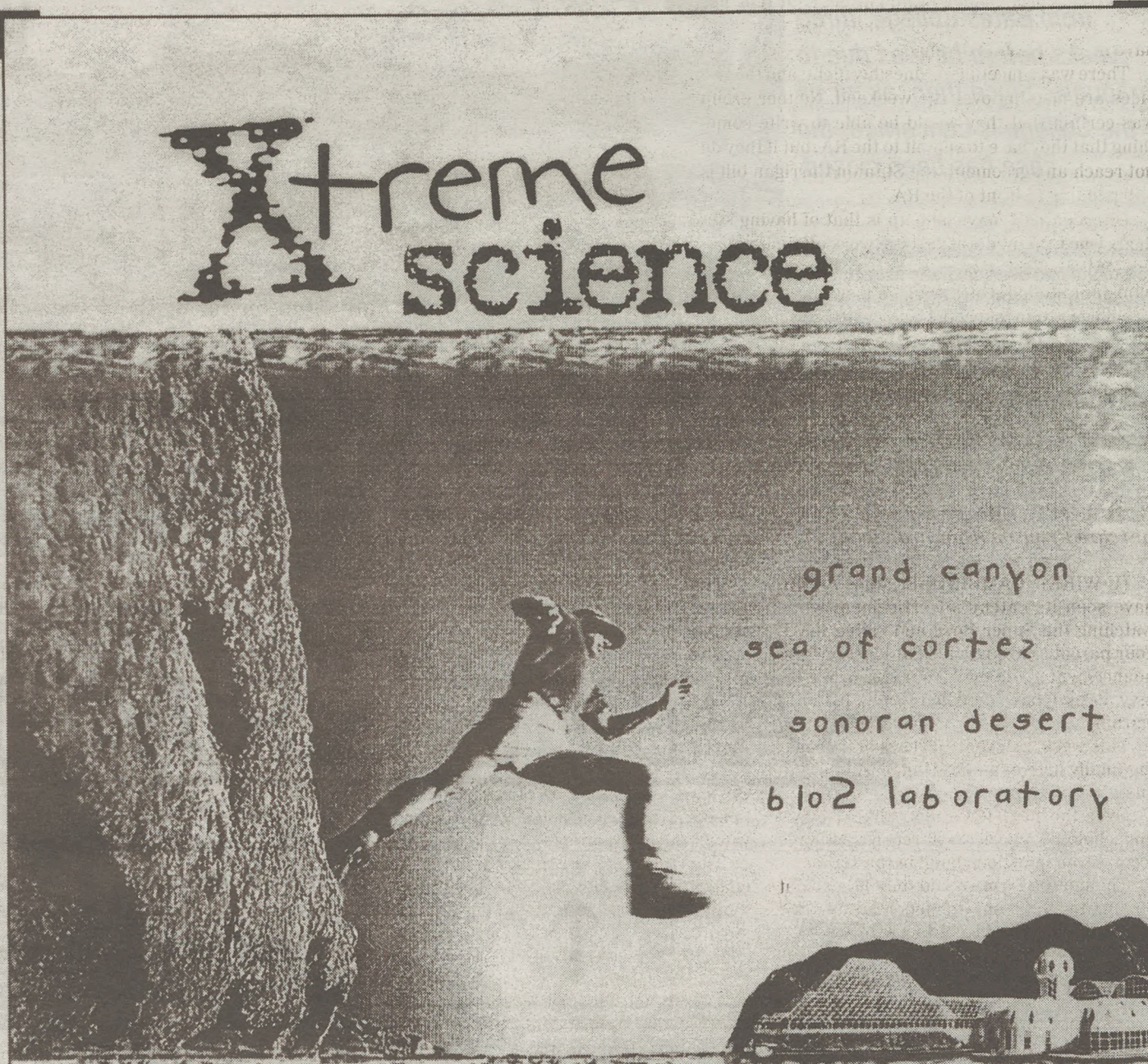
tion.

After the statements from the community, a motion was made by a planning committee member to vote in preservation of the existing zoning designation. Though seemingly in opposition to the sentiment of those gathered, the committee voted 5-1 in favor of preserving the "general business" zoning designation of the area in question.

In explanation of his single vote against the business zoning designation, committee chair Denis Bergeron stated, "This other thing (the planned Wal-Mart) is so large, its out of character with the rest of the area."

The committee's recommendation will come before a meeting of the Auburn City Council on April 3rd.

In the mean time, a group of residents, including many members of the Bates community, are taking steps to insure that tonight's meeting is not the end of the debate. Bates Senior Matt Ensner, who has been active in informing and organizing the Bates Community about developments in this issue, described a planned initiative, "based on a zoning ordinance moratorium for large-scale commercial development."



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## Bates administration's disregard for student safety

A student's personal perspective on sexual assault and a campus culture of vigils, silence, and suppressed information

By ADITI VAIDYA  
Guest Writer

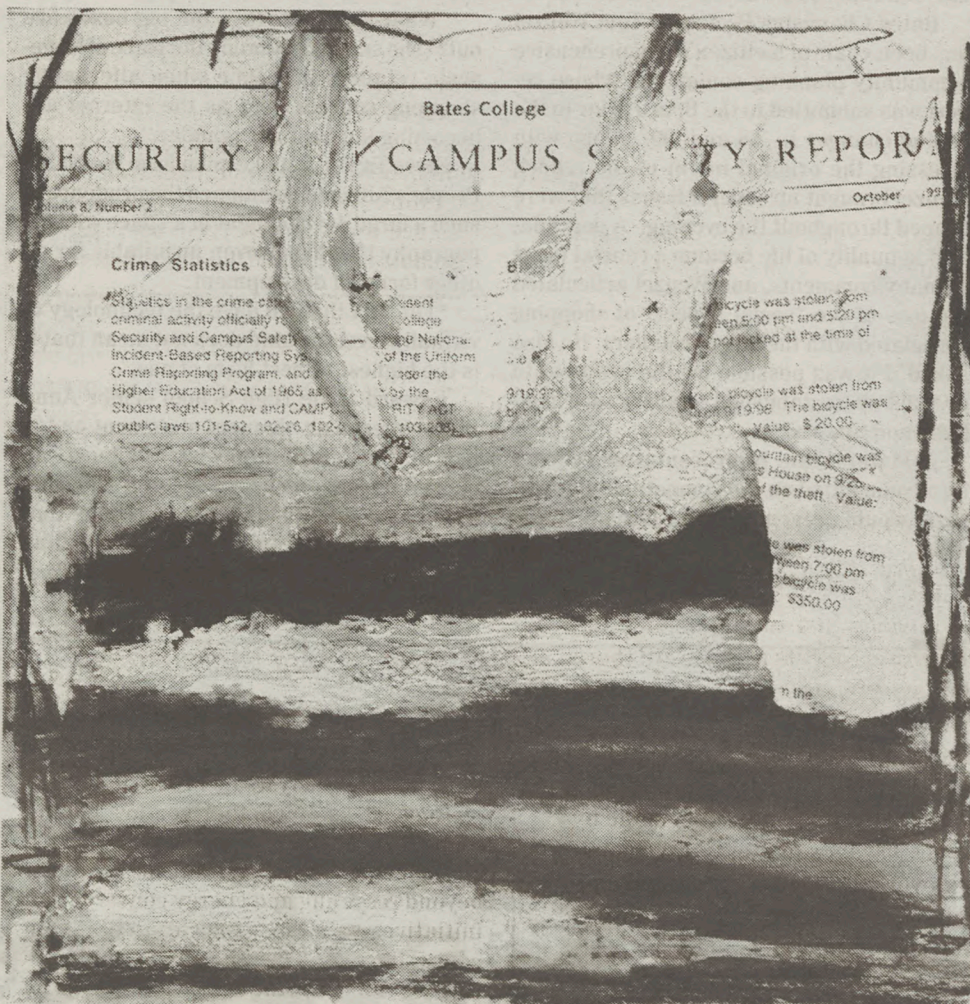
Events which occur on Bates campus over the years run in cycles. A portion of Bates history is lost when each class graduates and future classes are left unaware of the true number of sexual assault cases that occur here every year.

Two years ago in March of 1998 a vigil took place on the Library Terrace that

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spawned from the sudden knowledge that four women had been sexually assaulted by one male Bates student. At this vigil, concerns of safety for both men and women on campus were brought forth. In addition, many questioned the extent to which the President and Dean of Students were aware of these incidences.

More importantly, students were upset that they had no knowledge that at least one man like this existed on campus nor the extent to which sexual assault occurs here. The vigil turned into a demonstration on the President's lawn and porch. The President



By Jay Surdukowski

was asked why this Bates male was still on campus - endangering other women here. Not surprisingly, the President was not aware of these incidences.

What had originally started as a vigil turned into a demonstration and later resulted in an 8 a.m. sit-in in front of Lane Hall. From the sit-in, it was decided that a forum

would be held to address student concerns. This Bates male student, accused of 4 counts of sexual assault, fled campus the night of the demonstration and later chose to withdraw as a student from Bates College, three weeks before he was due to graduate. Since then, as far as the College is concerned, the case has been closed.

Why is this case closed in the eyes of the College? Because according to the administration, the problem has been solved. He left campus. But he is only an aspect of the problem.

### ■ The "Normal" Student Response

As we have seen just this past semester, this pattern of arranging vigils, sit-ins, forums has become the norm. Because of this,

*Since he fled campus and subsequently withdrew from Bates, there was not a hearing and he was therefore not held accountable for his actions. In addition, no record of pending charges were written on his transcript, in effect negating that charges were ever brought forth.*

any violent act which occurs on this campus is treated with this "normal" response. Yet this type of response which always occurs is NOT designed or intended to produce systematic or long-term change. In effect, this pattern of history being lost, begins *while we are here*.

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## BATES RATES

Rainbows n' Lollipops



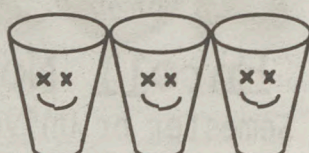
If the Fat Rat read like a bunch of bitter housewives chewing out their husbands, then Rainbow and Lollipops is a bitter housewife joking about the milk man. Give us some more sugar baby.

Honor's Thesis Due



Honors thesis students have a lot of liver damage to catch up on this weekend. Any party animal vet will tell you: the best medicine is a beer for every page. (Neutering recommended as well).

St. Patty's Day



It's the perfect night to test your luck-- how about a Newman Night- skip the beer, pass the vodka.

NCAA Tournament



Honor's Thesis, St. Patty's Day, and some mad b-ball. If you're looking for a sober person this weekend, check Jay Surdukowski's room.



## Editorial

### Wal-Mart: a wily weasel

Sure, the big blue store is a great place to buy cheap underwear and water filters. Wal-Mart is also a great place to buy into the degradation of our community.

Soon, there will be a tempting Super-Wal-Mart built in Auburn, wooing customers with groceries along with its normal plethora of toys, clothes, and household products. If Bates consumers decide to follow the bait and pour their dough into the corporation, the bread that will arise shall be baked full of traffic pollution, devastation of neighborhood business, sweatshop labor, child labor law violations, and a shameful employment situation.

In the short-run, the arrival of multifaceted stores seems beneficial to the community because of employment and convenience. However, the economy doesn't work as cleanly as that.

Firstly, Wal-Mart is a large nationwide business that leases the land its stores are on. Therefore, they do not own the land and have no incentive to be good neighbors. It is not uncommon to hear of Wal-Marts that spring up in people's backyards, create noise and trash, and then completely ignore complaints and refuse to remedy the situations with soundproof fences or trash pickup.

Secondly, Wal-Mart sends out employees to local businesses to find out what price they charge for products, and then undercut the prices until the local stores keel under competition. If Wal-Mart doesn't normally sell the product, they put it on the shelves anyway just to monopolize the good market. Later on, Wal-Mart can slowly increase its prices until there is minuscule or no savings on the part of consumers.

As far as employment goes, Wal-Mart employees are not unionized and there is little guarantee for full-time long-running jobs for local people. Also, Wal-Mart has been implicated in civil suits regarding violation of child labor laws. The corporation also stocks clothing and goods made by sweatshop workers earning less than poverty wages in their native countries, and usually these employees work over seventy hours a week, pay half their salary to company-owned housing and stores, and do not receive overtime compensation or employee benefits.

Cheap underwear does not seem worth these devastating social costs. Boycotting the Wal-Mart super center is not an easy decision, but it is the difference between pouring money into corporations or local businesses.

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## Coal in Bates' stocking

*West Virginian mountains die to keep Bobcats warm*  
**Electricity and hot water consumption is naughty, not nice**

By RICK MORRILL  
*Opinion Columnist*

When William McDonough, a respected architect and designer of environmentally friendly buildings and manufacturing processess, came to speak last week the audience witnessed one man's vision of the future. A vision where humans have designed waste out of their manufacturing plants and created buildings that blend

*The land is being raped so that Americans can turn on their televisions at night and watch reruns of Jerry Springer. However, the natural world is not the only victim of this atrocity; communities surrounding these "mines" are vanishing just as fast as the mountaintops.*

into the natural systems of the planet.

Regardless of whether you are willing to put your faith in technology with McDonough, it is clear that he has seen beyond recycling and energy conservation initiatives to a closed-cycle utopia. One where the water used in textile mills actually exits the planet safer to drink than it was when it entered. These "revolutionary" designs raise the possibility of closing the doors to the cycles of production, leaving clean renewable perfection.

Okay, tear yourself away from that utopian dream world and re-enter the present where humans have evolved into creatures that can literally move mountains. We live in an era when the tops of mountains are not safe from human "ingenuity." The crowns of West Virginia's hills are being amputated to reveal veins of glimmering coal. This happens through a mining practice known as mountain top removal.

In this case the name pretty much says it all. Coal veins exist inside of mountains and coal corporations have found that the most efficient method of extraction is to remove the layers of earth above the coal until it is exposed. High explosives and absurdly large earth-moving equipment are employed to accomplish this task. The coal is then simply loaded into trucks and taken away. It is not hard to imagine what this does to the land. The exposed earth is completely devoid of nutrients and is left to bake in the sun of this lunar landscape.

The land is being raped so that Americans can turn on their televisions at night

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and watch reruns of Jerry Springer. However, the natural world is not the only victim of this atrocity; communities surrounding these "mines" are vanishing just as fast as the mountaintops. Local residents' homes are literally crumbling from the constant demolition of nearby hillsides. Water supplies are eliminated when lifeless dirt and rock, blasted from the earth, is dumped down the hillsides, obliterating the valleys and obstructing the

natural flow of once pristine mountain streams.

Mountain top removal is deplorable and the profit-worshipping coal executives simply evil; I don't think that anyone reading this would disagree with me about that. So what if I told you that every time you turn on a lamp, your stereo, or anything else that requires electricity to operate, you are sanctioning and supporting this abhorrent practice? A percentage of the energy we use at Bates College is generated by systems that burn this West Virginia coal. Sorry, this is no longer one of those problems you see on the news that makes you angry, but which vanishes into the next commercial. We cannot just walk away from this issue; we are just as culpable as the coal executives.

However, all hope is not lost. While the coal industry may be a seemingly indomitable power, each individual has one weapon at their disposal, which if used in conjunction with other similar individuals can bring the coal companies to their knees.

If you have read my other articles you might have guessed this one by now; the power lies in the market, supply, demand, and the consumer. If your use of electricity is supporting these mines then clearly you must reduce your consumption of that energy as much as possible. If consumers refuse to buy a certain product the corporations must change that product and or the methods used to produce it. The laws of economics that govern, and seem to protect the corporations, can be turned

*The crowns of West Virginia's hills are being amputated to reveal veins of glimmering coal. This happens through a mining practice known as mountain top removal... High explosives and absurdly large earth-moving equipment are employed to accomplish this task.*

around and be wielded by the citizen/consumer. The power of the consumer is nearly absolute.

So where does this leave us? The simple answer is that we all have to stop and re-evaluate the ways in which we use and waste power. This can be as obvious a waste as leaving your lights or stereo on during the day when you are absent from the room. It can also take on more subtle forms, like water use, especially hot water, or even the number of plates you use in commons for each meal.

It is important to recognize that electricity is what makes everything we use in our day-to-day lives possible and therefore everything requires a certain amount of energy to be created. So whenever you buy a product you are also paying for the energy used in its production. For instance your yellow fleece jacket required power in its construction. This power may have come from West Virginia coal burned in power plants. So you see, consumerism is the keystone of nearly every environmental problem. I could sit here all day and link just about any problem you can think of, environmental or social, back to our over-consumption. It is kind of like that game where you link Kevin Bacon to...well you get the picture.

So picture in your mind, those graceful

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# Coal in Bates' stocking

*Santa Morrill puts energy wasters on the naughty list*

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rolling hills covered by hardwood forests that flash lush green leaves in the summer and shed red and orange petals in the fall. Imagine how they should look and then allow the images of the dead, gray, wasteland, following in the wake of the

mining companies, to spill across the peaceful hills. I want these images to follow you every where to remind you the costs of our lifestyles. The reality and consequences of over-consumption must become a daily part of Americans lives if any wild landscapes are to remain on this planet.



**MARCH 22, 2000**

## "GUEST CHEF" DINING EVENT

On Wednesday, March 22, 2000 we will be hosting our Second Annual "Guest Chef" Dining Event in Commons to Celebrate National Nutrition Month.

This year we are pleased to welcome back a great friend of Bates Dining, someone who has helped us develop our Vegetarian and Vegan menu items. The first Chef to ever win a Gold Medal at the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt Germany for a completely meatless Vegetarian entry. Former Chef of the Year of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Culinary Association and author of "Professional Vegetarian Cooking". A man who has done as much as any to promote the cause of Vegetarian/Vegan Cooking and Eating all over the world, ACF Certified Executive Chef Ken Bergeron.

Chef Bergeron will be joining us for Lunch, presenting some of his specialties from the Marche Cooking Station and presiding over the Bates College Dining Culinary Team as we present some more of his Vegetarian / Vegan dishes at dinner.

We here in the Dining Service are looking forward to Chef Bergeron's visit and now we hope you are too....

**Vegetarian/Vegan Specialties  
by Executive Chef Ken  
Bergeron**

# Disregard for sexual assault

*A personal perspective on administrative failure*

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## ■ Two Years Later

In November, almost two years later, being one of the four women assaulted, I decided to take further action. I reported the incident to the Lewiston Police Department and a formal investigation has begun.

There are many reasons why it has taken

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two years for me to come to terms with the rape. First of all, this case was so publicized two years ago that I hadn't had time to deal with it. I went through a process after the rape which every person who has been sexually assaulted at Bates goes through. Since my health was my first priority, I went to the Health Center, where they told me to go to the emergency room and gave me other information on how to get myself checked for other potential health concerns. I also went to the Dean of Students Office, where I was given my options of how to take further action, and was asked to make that decision within a very short period of time.

I consider it to be problematic to ask a recently sexually assaulted person to make a decision rather quickly about how they wish to proceed with charging or not charging the assailant. But at the time I decided to charge the Bates student, who was already accused of three other assaults, with rape through the Student Conduct Committee. But since he fled campus and subsequently withdrew from Bates, there was not a hearing and he was therefore not held accountable for his actions. In addition, no record of pending charges were written on his transcript, in effect negating that charges were ever brought forth. By not having to face further disciplinary action when requesting his transcript, he was let off the hook.

So now that I have decided to charge him with rape through the Lewiston Police Department, I have discovered that none of the four cases brought forth against this one male Bates student, were reported in the

Annual Bates Security Reports. The green sheet that we receive in the mail never reported any of these incidences, in 1998 or 1999. How are any of us to know what is really going on at this institution if nothing is reported accurately??

## ■ Security Alerts/Reports

By uncovering that these highly publicized incidences were not reported in the Alerts or the Annual Security Reports, we are all left unaware. The student body, you, prospective students, faculty and staff are left with the perception that sexual assaults do not occur or hardly ever occur here in this supposed utopia.

So what is the deal with the green sheets? What is their purpose? The formal process of how numbers are tallied and reported is vague. Clearly we all should realize that sexual assault *does* occur here are therefore the apparently inaccurate reporting of these incidences is quite telling of how much the College wants us to know.

Why do I believe Security Alerts are important? I thought that the green sheets were supposed to make us aware of what goes on around us, showing us more than how many bicycles have been stolen and doors propped. But by inaccurately reporting these incidences we are kept unaware and thus given

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Two years ago the silence of sexual assault was broken by way of the vigil and demonstration. If you weren't here, ask anyone who was, it really was a big deal. Since that time, even with changes in the Student Conduct Committee Policy, the silence has been reinstated. The issue is not how to deal with sexual assault *after* it happens, but before. Misrepresentation of the truth does not help to create awareness *before* sexual assaults occur.

## Happy Saint Patrick's Day

*May the wind always be  
at your back.*

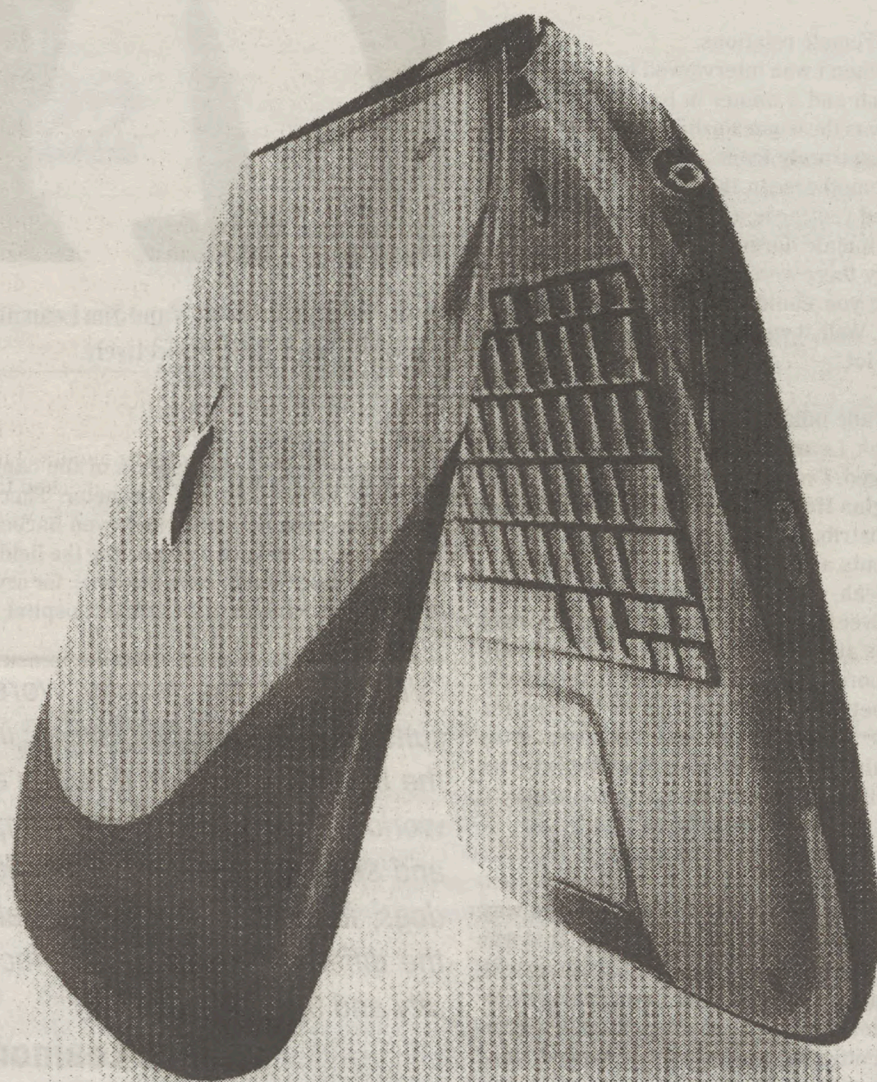
*May the beer in your  
hand be green.*

*In the wee hours of the  
morning may the dorm  
be free of damage,*

*and may you remember that the  
drunkard before you is not the  
Blarney stone.*



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## 'Old dogs' look back on three decades at Bates

By JENNIFER GIBLIN  
Features Editor

SARAH LITSCH  
Staff Writer

Commencement on July 4th? Professors chaperoning Outing Club canoe trips? Writing theses without computers? From eight week "shortterms" to housemothers in Rand, Bates sure has changed in the last thirty years. Through growth (of the student body, faculty, course offerings, the campus grounds) and change (general education requirements, informal dress codes, teaching

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style), Bates has developed into a respected institution of higher education.

Few of us could imagine Bates as anything other than the liberal college that is today. But for those professors who have witnessed the dramatic changes that have taken place over the years, the Bates of today is most definitely not the Bates of yesterday. We talked to four senior faculty members and asked them to share their perspectives on life here at Bates—from the time of the barbed wire fences to the construction of "the castle on the lake" (i.e. Pettengill). James Leamon, professor of history, came to Bates in 1964. Professor of Political Science Douglas Hodgkin arrived in 1966. John Cole, also professor of history, has been at Bates since 1967. Ann Scott, professor of music and associate dean of the faculty, came to the college since 1973.

The four professors shared their thoughts on everything from moving into Pettengill to student-professor relations. The following are excerpts from our discussions.

On general campus changes...

**John Cole:** The biggest change and maybe even the most noticeable change has been a

change in morale and a change in relative confidence in the quality of the institution and that would be shared generally in faculty and students alike.

**Ann Scott:** We now have 32% women on the faculty. When I came here there may have been a few minority people...But there are so many women now. The same is true with the student body. There was just a handful of minority students; the number has gone up as with international students.

Male/Female relations...

**JC:** When I was interviewed here, there was a lunch and a dinner in Rand dining hall—that was the women's dining hall—so women ate separately from men. There were also housemothers. In the 60s, there were very limited visiting hours when a male could enter a female dormitory and within that dormitory, there were permissible places, so, you know, you could do the Sunday afternoon thing. Well, it was more liberal than that, but not a lot.

On grade inflation:

**James Leamon:** The grading system has changed. I've gotten so mellow.

**Douglas Hodgkin:** My grades have gone up; the distribution has gone up. It may be the students are smarter...

**JL:** Yeah, right...I've gotten mellow.

**JC:** Over half the grades given are B's which leaves at least a third to be A's. There were lots more C's then. I don't think that students are better or that student work is better. Grade inflation is just that. I don't think my teaching is better or your learning is better than it would have been thirty years ago.

Physical changes on campus...

**AC:** Oh, that's changed dramatically. For example, the music department. By the way, when I came there no music major; that was instituted the year I came (1973) along with art history, theater, and anthropology. Our quarters were in the basement of Pettigrew and Pettigrew has been transformed since we were there. The basement was really horrible. I was in Gannett Theater—that was our big classroom for history classes or for Music 101 or whatever. And practice rooms were off in the corner; there were six of them and they were moldy and mildewy and horrible. Really horrible. Olin was a big improvement. It made a big difference in the kinds of students we attracted. The year I came, the library had just been built, Merrill did not exist—a lot of changes. Those were the big



Professors Doug Hodgkin and Jim Leamon have been at Bates since 1966 and 1964, respectively.

Asad Butt photo

ones.

**JC:** Oh, yeah. Physical aspects of the campus. Let's start with the perimeter. There used to be cyclone fences and even barbed wire if you can believe it protecting the fields on the far sides of J.B. from the nuns, for crying out loud, who run the Catholic hospital. I

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-James Leamon

think there were cyclone fences everywhere. When Reynolds (President Thomas Hedley Reynolds) came in '67—I was hired that fall—he interrupted work in progress that was building a cyclone fence between Page Hall and Adams and Smith and so on. Smith are boys' dorms and Page and Parker were girls and the first thing he did was to rip that

out. I mean the fencing and the attitude toward the town was just weird and awful.

On moving into Pettengill...

**DH:** Well, first we were in Libbey Forum—political science, history, all the social science offices in that space. I find the new office is very nice but it doesn't have the grace of Libbey. Then we moved to 45 Campus Avenue. My office actually shrank from 45 campus but it's still a very nice office. The office space is being used exactly as they hoped.

**JL:** It's a mixed bag. We enjoyed the isolated funkiness and camaraderie of Canham (Canham House, the old history headquarters). There is a difference now in the human dynamics. We were all together at one time...it's good to have the social scientists back together again. At first, I was skeptical about the use of space but I've been impressed with the way students have used it—the lounges, atrium, and all the nooks and crannies.

**JC:** The house (Canham) was cozy and obviously not built for use for academic offices. The office right now is luxurious in terms of space, the shelving is just amazing but it is also much more institutional in its feel. I think of this building as almost a showplace for the college and a statement—"By God, aren't we grand."

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## WRBC names Tobin, Williams as latest DJs of the Week

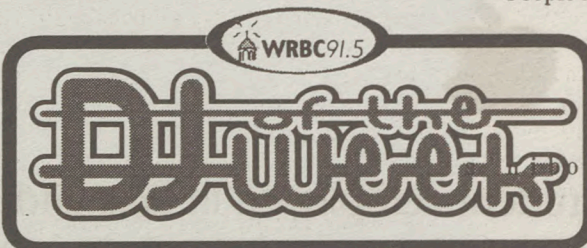
The DJ of the Week for March 9th is Megan Tobin. Tobin, a active member of WRBC ever since she had her head ritually shorn by Rev. Williams four years ago, continues to bring spontaneity and hair raising surprises to the airwaves during her show, <b>Manfred</b>, on Friday mornings from midnight to 2am.

While Tobin's style is unmistakable, perfected and refined over eight semesters of radio, her attitude is modest and laid back. "I do a radio show 'cause it's fun and I like to play with the new music and it gives me a chance to not do work for a couple hours." For others, though, Manfred is more than just a reason to stay up late and delay pending responsibilities. Rather, it is two hours of worship dedicated to the appreciation and craft of playing, arranging, and delivering something beautiful and special at 120 watts.

If you are interested in personally experiencing said beauty, check out

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current top 5 selection:

CYLOB — Cylobian Sunset  
MAGNETIC FIELDS — 69 Love Songs Boxed Set  
BECK — Mutations  
ESTHERO — Breath from Another  
SCALA — Compass Heart

Chris Williams is the DJ of the Week for March 16th. Williams, a 5 year veteran of WRBC, became involved with WRBC through his first show, "Bring Me the Head of Casey Kasem." Many heads have rolled since then, some of which can be heard when Williams hosts "Who Wants to be a Hundredaire?" every Bloody Wednesday from 8 - 10:00pm.

Describing his show as "addictive" and his programming as "dangerous," "Who Wants to be a Hundredaire" might be the only aural carcinogen that the FCC allows to be broadcast. Williams can't get enough of the

high that his show provides; "[I] get to bounce around the studio for two hours, listening to stuff at extreme volume through the monitors, and knowing that your audience of ten listeners is probably doing the same... only they're drunker." Knowing the Bates/Lewiston/Auburn community on Wednesday evenings, as well as the narcotic effect of "Hundredaire," Williams more likely means ten-hundred listeners. Here are Williams' top 5 musical prescriptions:

U.S. Bombs - The World  
The Templars - Omne Datum Optimum  
Oxymoron - The Pack is Back  
Sam Black Church - That Which Does Not Kill Us...  
Ducky Boys - Live from the Banks of the Charles River



# Calendar of Events

Week of March 17th to March 24th

<b>17</b> HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!  8:00 pm Recital: Violinist Janet Parker, Boston & pianist Jozef de Beenhower, Belgium <i>Olin Concert Hall</i>  "The Colored Museum" <i>Schaeffer Theatre</i>	<b>18</b>  8:00 pm Concert: The Toasters, NYC SKA band, sponsored by CHC <i>Gray Cage</i>  Senior Thesis Recital: Charles Granquist '00, tenor <i>Olin Concert Hall</i>  The Colored Museum <i>Schaeffer Theatre</i>	<b>19</b>  2:00 pm "The Colored Museum" <i>Schaeffer Theatre</i>	<b>20</b> HAPPY SPRING!  7:00 pm Lecture: Mapuche Poetry from Spoken to Written, Leonel Lienlaf, Chilean activist and poet on Mapuche resistance and activism <i>Silo</i>  7:30 pm Lecture: Gary Hirshberg, president and CEO of Stonyfield Farm <i>Muskie Archives</i>
<b>21</b>  4:00 pm Reading: Leonel Lienlaf, Chilean activist and poet <i>Chase Hall Lounge</i>  8:00 pm Concert: Frank Glazer, artist-in-residence, piano <i>Olin Concert Hall</i>	<b>22</b>  9:00, 10:00, 11:00 am Concert: A woodwind quartet from the Portland Symphony Orchestra will perform Meet Mr. Shapedoodle <i>Olin Concert Hall</i>	<b>23</b>  8:00 pm Lecture: The Human Genome Project, Ruth Hubbard, Richard Lewontin, and Philip Reilly <i>Muskie Archives</i>	<b>24</b>  Pick up the latest issue of the <i>Bates Student</i> or visit us online at <a href="http://www.batesstudent.com">www.batesstudent.com</a>

## Looking back at Bates

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On faculty interactions with students. . .

AC: It differs a lot from professor to professor. When I first came here most of the faculty lived around campus. Faculty had a lot of time to spend with students such as inviting them home. Today faculty is dispersed but beyond that the whole attitude toward family responsibility has changed. A lot of the faculty would like to do that kind of extracurricular dinners at night but circumstances have changed...I keep in touch with a number of students. I love, I love to keep in touch with former students. It means a lot. Really, it's a wonderful thing when students get back to me.

JC: I was on campus a lot more when I was younger and much of that is stage of life. Some of it is just where I lived. For years and years I lived right across the street from the Little Theatre, or Schaeffer Theatre as it is now, and then I had a second marriage. My second wife commuted roughly fifty weeks a year to Portland to be a lawyer and I walked two minutes to Parked for 35 weeks a year to teach and it seemed a little unfair, so we moved closer to Portland. I virtually never come back for any events. Time becomes precious in a two career world. My notion of a responsible father these days is to share domestic responsibilities.

JL: We should probably mention the new curriculum thrust—interdisciplinary majors and student-faculty research. There is a good deal of emphasis on programs that will increase faculty and student contact through common research projects.

JC: Student life. You've got to give me more on student life. How about chaperons on Outing Club trips? I was 25, married with a young family, and because I was young and approachable, and I suppose, too dumb to say no, I was asked to chaperone this canoe trip. I'll never forget this, we go to the launch site where it was, and they get in the canoes, my

wife and I sort of sit in the grass, and phoomm, they're gone. But yeah, chaperoning the Outing Club, can you imagine? They don't even ask me any more. I've seen very little indication that I'm wanted. It's hard, but I've come to terms with it.

On classroom dynamics. . .

JL: The whole teaching environment has changed, too. When I first began teaching, we had little raised podiums in Libbey Forum. And then you had your students ranked in front of you. This is basically the teaching experience I learned from, learned in, and, frankly, I'm the most comfortable in. I find that the seminar environment, I deal with them, but internally I don't feel I deal as well. I'm more comfortable with the lecture format and some of the new faculty are just the opposite. Teaching has become a lot more informal, and service learning would indicate the ultimate in informality.

AS: When I first came, students were fairly passive and expected to be lectured to. I came from the University of Chicago where the Socratic method was very important and it was hard for me to make the transition from discussion to lecture. Now we've gone the other way, we have much more discussion and class participation—which is good.

From wing-tips to Birkenstocks. . .

JL: Virtually all the faculty wore suits, ties, and wing-tip shoes, in the 60s and 70s. And now it's a world of difference. I wear jeans and sport shirts, and for us old dogs, it's sometimes hard to tell the difference between the faculty and the students—which is good. And obviously, I enjoy the change. DH: But I resisted it.

On Short Term in the 60s. . .

JC: You should get me going on short term. Short term was a new idea when I was first here. There was something called the Bates Plan, and I think it had as its ultimate objective to use the extensive facilities efficiently and put out more product. And so as a mar-

keting strategy, the Bates Plan of the mid 60s was meant to entice very qualified students by offering them a four year degree in three years. You would do two regular semesters and then a short term that's none of this five week nonsense that we have now. Five days a week, eight weeks. My first year here, we started on Labor Day, and there was a separate commencement for those who were on their third year of basically going ten month years. Short term commencement was July 4th, so the summer, especially for the faculty, seemed like it didn't exist. And the faculty under those circumstances were not expected to do research. That has changed dramatically.

On changes in the student body. . .

DH: The diversity of students, especially geographically has increased. They have a greater sophistication and knowledge of the world. We were used to students from small town Maine and Massachusetts. Now they have more travel and job experiences. That's changed.

JL: And the cars they drive.

DH: What about academic preparation?

JL: I don't find that they write any better. They may come from less disciplined academic backgrounds where they were encouraged to emote and write creatively, which may not always be acceptable. There's also not as much attention to spelling and grammar.

On skipping class. . .

JC: How about attendance in classes? The rigidity of the structure, that's what's hard to convey. Faculty took attendance on little slips which you submitted into little boxes. Student cuts were reported to the Dean of Students daily. There were penalties if you left early for vacations. . . that kind of thing. Just everything more rigid, and generally accepted and submitted to by both faculty and students alike.

What makes Bates great. . .

AC: The collegiality of the place. The civility and respect that people have for each other. I think that has stayed the same. There's this underlying sense of respect, even if we disagree with each other.

JL: Bates, traditionally, has had a desirable, democratic quality between faculty and students, and among students. It is not an elitist institution as far as the student body is concerned. Those who want to see more diversity say it is an elitist institution, but look at the student body. We have no fraternities or sororities, and no organizations that are exclusive. It is important to keep the egalitarian quality alive. I think this separates it from Bowdoin, and to a lesser extent, Colby. At present, there is a certain work ethic that's hard to identify as to source. But it is a puritan work ethic that pervades the atmosphere among faculty and is passed on to students. People may complain, but it's good. Heavy but healthy.

DH: Civility. The way we relate to one another. I am a political conservative, which is in the minority here. I occasionally take the controversial position, but everybody accepts that. We respect others' points of view, even if we might not agree. We can be friends even if we disagree on policy questions.

JC: The very first thing I remember telling you was a change in morale and the general pride in the quality of institution. And that's got to be good. It's one of the things I liked about Bates. I came here from graduate school at Harvard, and was an undergraduate at Haverford. When I was there, lots of people at Haverford thought they went to the best college there ever was. And virtually everyone at Harvard thought there was us and then down there is the rest of the world. I had a very good education at Haverford, and I learned tons here, but I had a terrible, lousy, awful education at Harvard. Those people were so smug, and Bates has, I think, over the years, managed to combine a degree of quality with equality without a presumption of unique excellence.



# NYC City SKA band to perform at Bates

By MARK ANNOTTO  
Guest Writer

Without ska music, there would be no reggae, no dancehall, no Bosstones, no Fishbone and No Doubt. Without the Toasters, there would be no contemporary ska scene.

Billboard Magazine calls them "ska pioneers," and the wildly energetic, high octane group is widely known as America's premiere ska band. But what is ska? "It's really uptempo dance music, like reggae on crack," explains Rob Hingley, the group's founder and guitarist/vocalist. With infectious dance beats and vivid horn bursts, ska has hovered on the edge of the mainstream for years. Introduced in the early sixties, the musical form has shifted through several phases over the years: rocksteady Jamaican reggae, the faster, more hyper two-tone approach and, most recently, punk/ska.

The Toasters came together some fifteen years ago when England native Hingley was working at the Forbidden Planet in New York. He put the band together with some of his coworkers and his keyboard player roommate "to have something to do after work."



The Toasters will perform in the Gray Cage on Saturday night.

Taking their name from a Jamaican style of rapping called "toasting," the group debuted their first single in 1983 and were the first U.S. ska band to release a record in Japan, Europe and Argentina. 1983 was also

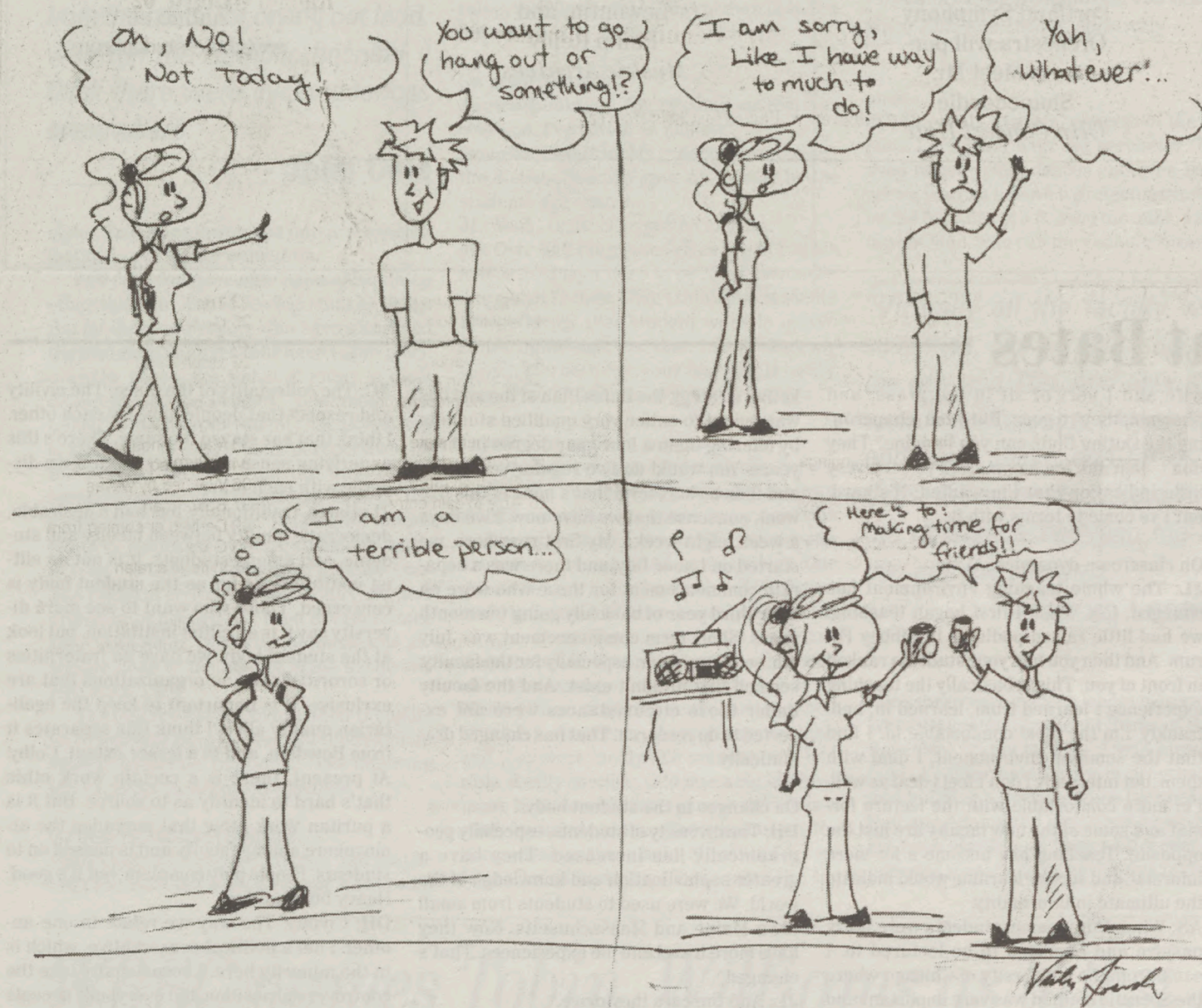
the year Hingley founded Moon Ska Records, America's first and foremost all-ska label, which nurtures and promotes both homegrown (Let's Go Bowling, the Slackers, the Bluebeats, Hepcat, Dance Hall Crashers) and

international ska talent (the Busters, Bad Manners, Arsenal, Porkers, House of Rhythm). The band tours constantly, playing sold-out shows seven days a week and enjoying the new-found attention ska music has been getting lately.

"As it stands, ska is growing," Hingley says, "but it's still underground and unspoiled, and I hope it stays that way even as it breaks. People had no idea at all what we were doing. People laughed at me, saying you'll never get anywhere in the U.S. playing ska music. So now we're having the last laugh."

The concert starts at 8:00 pm this Saturday, March 18th in the Gray Cage. The Toasters will be performing with special guests, "The Bottle Rocket Kings" from Portland, Maine. (A super popular local ska-rock band that has three years of touring experience). The second opener of the evening will be Bates College own resident SKA band, "Mrs. SKAnnotto".

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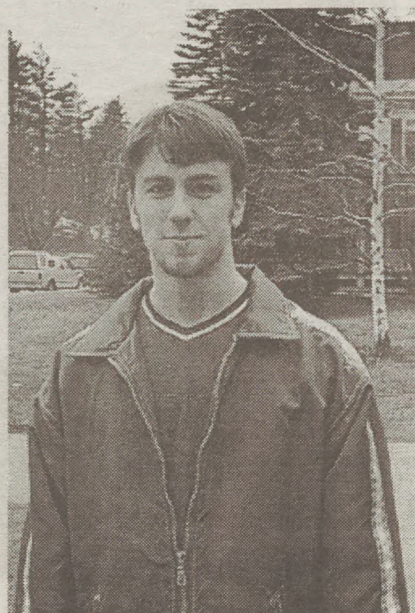
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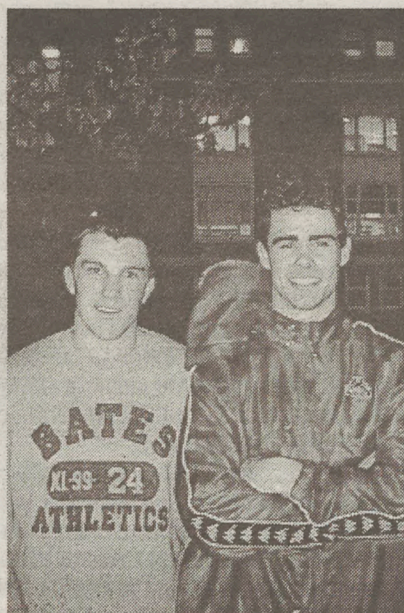
"Tannenbaum. It's in the first paragraph."

Jeff Gagnon '02



"Beezelebub. [lightning and thunder crash]"

Lani Pilobello '01



"Billy Karz. That kid's got all the G."

Lyle Gerety '03  
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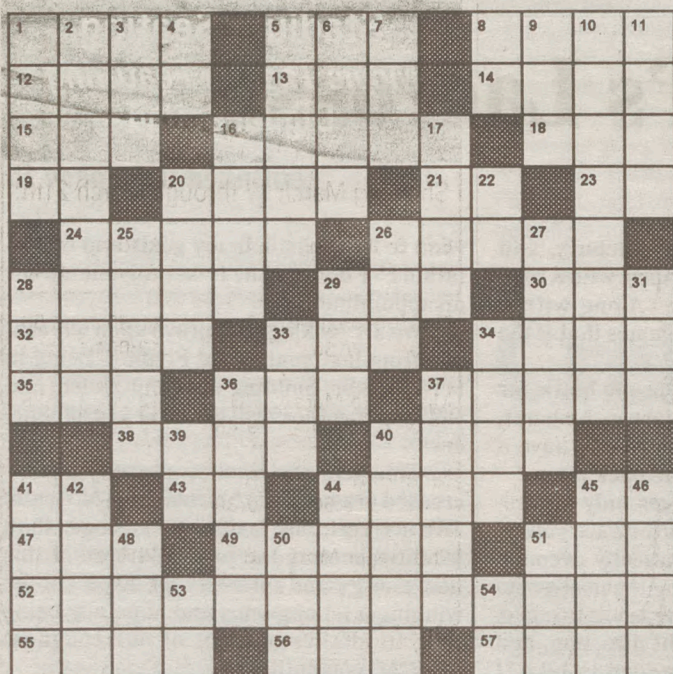


"My dad. He likes trains."

Rachel Oxnard '02

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### ACROSS

- 1 Largest continent
- 5 Direction (abbr.)
- 8 Diplomacy
- 12 Quiet; not working
- 13 Rule
- 14 You (archaic)
- 15 Dine
- 16 House overhangings
- 18 Girl's name
- 19 News agency (abbr.)
- 20 Glut
- 21 Western state (abbr.)
- 23 Southern state (abbr.)
- 24 Rent
- 26 S. African tribe
- 28 Scope
- 29 Noise
- 30 Southern state (abbr.)
- 32 Bet
- 33 Smack
- 34 Association (abbr.)
- 35 Preparing golf ball
- 36 Direct an arrow
- 37 Eight singers
- 38 Tiers
- 40 Completely true

### DOWN

- 1 Region
- 2 Water aircraft
- 3 Skilled person (suf.)
- 4 Near
- 5 Make happy
- 6 Central part of church
- 7 Female sheep
- 8 Small man's initials
- 9 Surprised expression
- 10 Shake violently
- 11 Canned fish
- 16 At rest
- 17 Read quickly
- 20 Wise

- 22 Top
- 25 Go in
- 26 Small portion
- 27 Small bite
- 28 Rodent
- 29 Faintly lighted
- 31 Picnic pest
- 33 Male pronoun
- 34 43,560 sq. ft.
- 36 Washed by waves
- 37 Better than
- 39 Derived or coming from
- 40 Gaze
- 41 Wife of a rajah
- 42 At another time
- 44 Dash
- 45 Hereditary unit
- 46 Chestnut-colored horse
- 48 Craft
- 50 High card
- 51 Part of face
- 53 At
- 54 Behold

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## Hildebrand looks to continue long road to skiing success

By SEAN HURLEY  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Kyle Hildebrand wrapped up a spectacular season capturing All-East team honors at the Eastern Interscholastic Skiing Association (EISA) Championships in Middlebury, VT on February 25-27. That distinction earned Hildebrand his second consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships where he was seventh after the first slalom run. On the second run he hooked a gate, just catching the tip of the ski as he passed, and had to settle for a disappointing finish. All of this coming on the heels of his rookie campaign when he placed seventh in the nation in this event and was prepared to better that finish this year. "It didn't go as well I liked. I was sitting in 7th after a first run of just being solid. The second run I was letting it all hang out, took some chances, and got caught a bit", says Hildebrand.

Hildebrand has dominated the slalom all year long, earning five top 10 finishes and winning the first individual race in Bates College history on January 28th at the University of New Hampshire Carnival. While earning glory for the slalom event, Hildebrand's giant slalom has also improved with top ten finishes in the St. Lawrence and Dartmouth carnivals.

Graduating from the Green Mountain Valley Ski Academy in 96, Hildebrand decided to take some time off from school. Working at clearing lots for houses at his friends portable sawmill for two month stretches would enable him to make enough money to afford traveling to independent ski carnivals throughout the U.S. For a month and a half every winter, he and his coach would go to the ski town of Gossen, straddling the border of Austria and Germany, to train with the

best in the world.

Having visited many of his Green Mountain classmates at Bates during his off-time, Hildebrand liked the school enough to decide to enroll during the fall of '98. Hailing from Waitsfield, VT, he spurned much closer to UVM to be a little further away from home and to ski with many of his friends and classmates.

"I'm happy with my decision. I'm still able to ski race and am getting the best of both worlds with skiing and academics. It was a little different, but my roommates here made it a lot easier. It was also different because now I had to finish every run and was skiing for team points instead of just individual points, as I was before college."

The long season started with land practices just six days into the fall semester and ended this past weekend at the NCAA Championships at the University of Utah. With the constant travel for races and practices, the season really teaches the Political Science major good time-management skills. "Each day its an hour to the mountain and back, plus the long travel (St. Lawrence - 7 hours), so you learn to manage your time pretty wisely. Plus, if you need a few days off, our coach usually understands."

Hildebrand sees himself resuming his All-America status in the slalom at next year's NCAA's. "My skiing is getting better, more relaxed. The guys at Nationals, I've skied with for the last few years and I know I can compete against them. Overall, I think this season went pretty well and because were young we can be even better."

On his skiing future after Bates, Hildebrand sees it as a tough road ahead. "If my body's hanging in there [when I graduate], I'll keep pursuing ski racing, but its a long road."

## Bates' King named All-American

*She became the first basketball player in school history to gain All-American honors.*

By PAUL ZINN  
Sports Editor

Senior co-captain Emily King, of the Bates' women's basketball team was named a Kodak All-American yesterday.

After being an honorable mention last season, she became the first woman in the school's basketball history to gain All-American honors.

Bates' Coach Jim Murphy told Sports Information Director Adam Levin, "Emily has been such a strong leader this season and

throughout her career, both on and off the court. Her combination of toughness and athleticism are unmatched. She is definitely worthy of this honor."

Two other Bates' women's basketball players have been nominated by Kodak in school history. They are Sarah Bonkovsky '97 and Julie Roche '91.

King was part of the winningest class in school history, which had a record of 83-18. Along with gaining All-New England and first-team All-NESCAC honors, she is Bates' all-time leading scorer and leading rebounder.

### STUDENTS IN ADMISSIONS

The office of Admissions is hiring students for the following positions:

#### Admissions Interns/Summer Tourguides (Summer 2000)

The Intern is a vital aspect of Bates Admissions. They provide prospective students and families with a campus tour and give a personal glimpse of life at Bates College. Three positions available.

#### Tour Guide Coordinators (Academic Year 2000-2001)

The Tourguide coordinators recruit & train volunteers, and organize tours for Admissions Office. The job begins in late summer, prior to the start of Fall Semester and extends to the end of short in the Spring. Two positions available.

#### Overnight Hosting Coordinator (Academic Year 2000-2001)

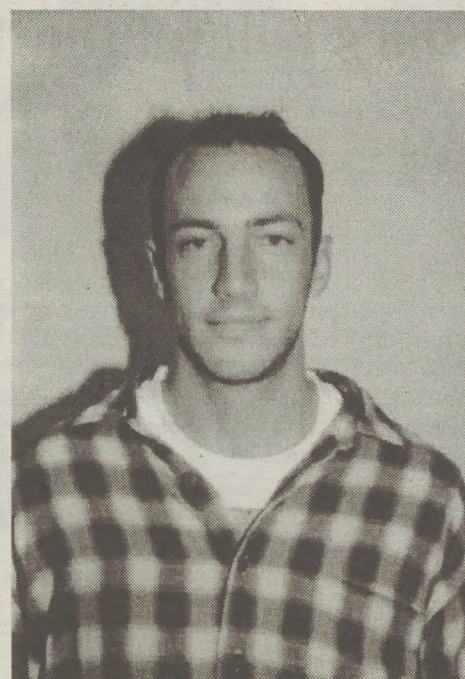
The Coordinators are responsible for organizing the overnight stays of prospective. Two positions available.

#### Bates Connection Coordinator (Academic Year 2000-2001)

Assist overseeing and orchestrating fall and spring phonathons to recruit the class of 2005. Two positions available.

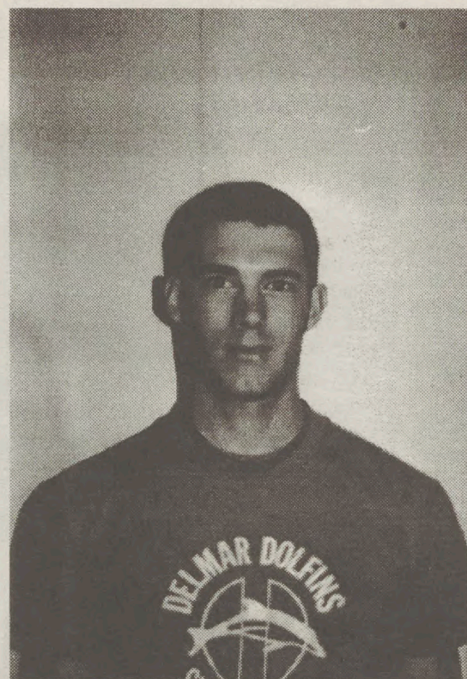
Detailed positions descriptions and job applications are available at the front desk of admissions office. For more information please come by contact Lawrence Epstein at x6020 or lepstein@bates.edu. Deadline for all positions is Friday, March 24, 2000. Interviews will occur beginning the week of March 27th.

## Bobcats of the Week



Matt Twiest

Asad Butt/The Bates Student



Ryan Champagne

Asad Butt/The Bates Student

Senior Matt Twiest has played an unbelievable role in the cross country and track programs at Bates, over the last four years. Twiest competed in the 1,500 meter run at the national championships last weekend. He placed tenth with a time of 3:58.30. That was just three seconds short of a sixth place finish, which would have given the senior All-American status. A sixth place finish would have made him one of only two athletes in Bates' history to be a five-time All-American. He has already achieved the honor four times, three of them coming in cross country and the last coming in indoor track.

Ryan Champagne is just a first-year on the novice crew team. However, he performed more like a junior or senior in this weekend's erg race. Champagne broke the all-time novice 2k record on Saturday. In fact, he didn't just break it, he shattered it. The first-year had a time of 6:24, with the old record being 6:35. With the crew team in it's first-year of varisty competition, it is great to have first-years as good as Champagne is. He should be able to play a major role over this season and in the future has the crew team looks for great results.

## Women's Lacrosse

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of Connecticut College, Middlebury, and Colby, will come later on in April, with a road game at Bowdoin in May. Along with a couple of out of conference games that is the schedule for this season.

The three teams that figure to battle for the NESCAC title are Middlebury, Amherst, and Bowdoin. The Bobcats should have a shot at being a middle of the pack team.

This team, which features only one senior, has a lot of talent, but they are young. They should improve dramatically over the course of the season, setting themselves up for some great results in the years to come.

"We're going in the right direction, and we're making progress," added Hohlt. "I

want to be realistic in my goals and expectations. I don't want to set anyone up for disappointment."

"We are looking to improve upon our season from last year," said Flynn. "Being in better shape, building upon our skills, and working together, will be the key to our success."

"This year the level of intensity has increased dramatically," commented McGrath. "We are certainly faster and stronger than we have been in the past. With all of this new energy and intensity we expect to be winning a lot of games and hopefully being able to challenge a lot of our toughest NESCAC competitors."

## Kopicki, Hastings go to nationals for Bates' swimming, diving teams

By PAUL ZINN  
Sports Editor

Last weekend, first-year Jill Kopicki represented the women's swimming team in the national championships. Kopicki competed in the 200 Individual Medley, the 400 Individual Medley, and the 200 Butterfly. In the 200 IM, on Thursday, she took 53rd with a time of 2:19.25, holding off Corie Malin of Occidental by .03 seconds. Kopicki took 29th in the 400 Individual Medley, swimming the 400 yards in a time of 4:47:05, on Friday morning. Finally, on Saturday morning, the first-year placed 28th in the 200-yard But-

terfly, with a time of 2:17.80.

Remember, Kopicki is still just a first-year and just being able to qualify for the national championships is a real accomplishment. She will have the next three years to improve on these results.

Andrew Hastings, of the diving team, is currently competing in the the national diving championships, at Emory University. In the one meter, which was today, Hastings took fifth place. He is participating in the one meter and the three meter diving competitions. Hastings should do well in both events but will have a real shot to make a lot of noise in the three meter event.

# Let's go now 'Cats



# Track

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Bristol, a senior captain, took seventh place with a throw of 50 feet, two and 3/4 inches. She, like Adams, has had a great season in the weight throw, and taking seventh in the nation is a great achievement. The performance at nationals fittingly ended a great senior campaign for Bristol, who has had an awesome season, breaking two school records.

The women's weight throw was a real competitive meet at nationals, as Bristol was just a foot away from being in fourth place. Leigh Merrill, in fourth, of Eastern Oregon had a throw that was exactly a foot better than Bristol's.

In the 1,500 meter run, Twiest finished tenth with a time of 3:58.30. Twiest was less than three seconds away from taking sixth place, something that everybody wanted to see because it would have given Twiest a tremendous accomplishment. He would have been only the second person in school history to be a five-time All-American.

This team has stepped up all season under Fereshetian and it is unfortunate that the Bobcats weren't able to do it this time.

Fellow senior, Mike Danahy was the ninth place finisher in the 5,000 meter run. Danahy was bunched in the eight-nine region in the event. Thor Esbensen from Nebraska Wesleyan and Danahy had separated themselves as top ten finishers, but weren't that close to gaining All-American status, in that they were each about four seconds off.

Danahy was ninth, with a time of 14:47.76, while Esbensen took eighth because he was 1/2 half second faster.

Adams' finish led to the eight points, and 15th place, but in all reality a little here and a little there could have made it a bit higher.

It is also very important to remember that this is a national tournament and anything can happen because the athletes are so good. The Bobcats may have had only one All-American, but when a team isn't happy with everyone finishing in the top ten it really says something about that team.

Finally, these five are all seniors, and they have all had really great indoor track careers, and put up some real impressive numbers, and gained some real prestigious awards.

The nice thing, according to Fereshetian is that it's not over, as all five (including Bristol) will be competing in the outdoor track season and should have real successful seasons to look forward to.

However, Fereshetian was also quick to point out that it was not just these four, but all the seniors on the team that have made for a special four years on the men's side.

"This senior class has stuck together through thick and thin, and that type of class doesn't come around very often," finished Fereshetian.

Bristol, along with the women's track team (and all the seniors) have also had a great season, and should have a good spring season to look forward.

Bristol summed things up by saying, "Reflecting on the last four years, I have become a completely different athlete than my first-year, or even last year. I didn't throw more than 34 feet my first-year, and this year I hit 52'7". Most people wouldn't have guessed that was possible. My confidence is improving and I like the fact that my competition now knows my name. In the past they haven't thought much about the Bates' women throwers as dangerous competition. Now, I think they do! Based on my experience at Nationals, I hope that the rest of my team will honestly set their sights on getting there and knowing it is possible. I have high hopes for the underclassmen on the team, and they know who they are and what they have to do!"

# Baseball hopes offense in south translates to wins in the north

Bobcats will also need great pitching to be successful.

By NICK MacINNIS  
Staff Writer

As the baseball team tries to erase the memory of last year's disappointing campaign in long-time Bates' man Bob Flynn's final year as head coach, it now turns to the new regime led by Craig Vandersea, who served as the team's third base coach a year ago. Head soccer coach George Purgavie will be the team's assistant, but will have a lot of influence in the team's managerial decisions, according to Vandersea. "We'll make all the decisions," he said, "this will not be a dictatorship."

Despite dropping two close slugfests in Virginia over February break, the team took away a lot of positives, namely: it will hit and score runs. The Bates line-up battered the pitching staffs of Washington and Lee and Eastern Mennonite College, scoring a combined 27 runs in the two games, while hitting .365 as a team.

Four-year starter, and three-year captain left-fielder Austin Philbin, is back in the role of catalyst at the top of the order. Philbin is everything you would expect a three-year captain and lead-off hitter to be: he understands baseball, he's very picky at the plate with a great sense of the strike zone, won't strike-out, can bunt well, and will get on base over half the time.

Batting behind Philbin is junior Ben Bines, who clobbered the ball down south. Bines went 6-11, with a slugging percentage of 1.273, knocking in five runs. Plus he's a lefty in the two-hole which is important because with a runner on second he can hit the ball to right side of the infield and at least move the runner along, setting the table for Jason Coulie '00. Coulie is a true five-tool player. He can hit, hit for power, run, throw, and field. The center-fielder should hit over .400, and is closing in on the school home-run record, will pitch some, and as Vandersea put it, "When he gets on first it is nice to know that he will be on second a couple pitches later."

Providing some protection for Coulie in the clean-up spot is senior first basemen Matt Pound. Pound went 5-11 in Virginia, all base hits. Normally that is not what you would expect from a clean-up hitter, but if Coulie gets on base, he's at second, and scoring on a base hit to anywhere in the outfield. Because of an injury to the incumbent shortstop Christian Gallagher, Ben Donaldson '02, the starting catcher a year ago has been moved to short, at least some of the time, according to Vandersea.

"I think he's one of the best athletes walking around on this campus," Vandersea added, "He will play shortstop a lot of the time, but he will also catch a lot of the time especially in the second game of double-headers." Most people would agree that Ben is best served at catcher (as Vandersea noted, "In the years to come, he will set the standard for what a NESCAC catcher should be,").

Frost Hubbard '00 makes a strong case as the catcher. Vandersea said he wanted his best nine athletes on the field, and Hubbard, an All-New England football selection, started at catcher prior to last year's absence from the team when he went abroad. When Donaldson is behind the plate expect to see the first year, Billy Karz, patrolling the middle of the infield. At least whoever is at short will know who his double play partner is, as 22 game starter from a year ago, Pat Collins '00, is back and belted a home-run in the Bobcat loss to Eastern Mennonite. Even though he is batting ninth, if Collins can continue to hit it will provide some major opportunities for Bates with guys like Bines and Coulie getting up to the plate with runners in scoring position, Coulie making sure Bines sees some pitches he can hit.

The pitching staff, plagued by bad defense down south, appears deep and tough. Righty Drew Blicharz '00 and southpaw Kevin Walsh '01 give the team a strong 1-2 punch at the top of the rotation. Blicharz is the team's ace, and will probably get the ball when the team

opens up its New England play March 25 at M.I.T. Walsh has the endurance to pitch a complete game (as he did twice last year, including a one hit gem he threw against Colby), and the elasticity to pitch on two days rest. Don't expect to see Walsh coming back on two days rest too often warns Vandersea, especially early in the season.

James Hanley '00 adds experience and toughness to the Bobcat rotation. Junior Andy Stanton and sophomore Shane Delaney, both lefties, will see some action as starters, and also in middle relief. Illustrating Bates' promising group of young pitchers, Vandersea said you can expect to see first years Billy Karz, Ryan Weaver, and Liam Ryan to get some action on the hill, especially when the team is forced to play four or sometimes five games in a week. Jason Coulie, with his overpowering 90 mph fastball, will assume the closer duties this year. "What will separate Jason from other stars in the league is his ability to pitch, either as a closer or a starter," says Vandersea. Teams that have not seen anyone throw that hard will have a difficult time catching up with Coulie's velocity.

Although the team has not been able to consistently practice outside, Vandersea does not want to hear excuses. Instead, he stresses the importance of a good start, and says that everything balances out when during short term, some of his players are "like professional athletes," able to concentrate solely on baseball. With a double-header scheduled at M.I.T. for March 25, and then a date the first day of April in Medford, Mass. with perennial NESCAC power Tufts, Vandersea hopes to get outside next Thursday and Friday. The Tufts contest will serve as a good early season litmus test for the Bobcats, who will be able to come at the Jumbos with one of their top two starters. And as Vandersea put it, "The thing I like most about our team is that the feeling we have is that there is not a game on our schedule that we don't think we can win."

# Crew

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victory over them was paramount for the Bobcats. The top two spots for Bates in the varsity race were Kristian Bodek and John Bunce who came in third and fourth respectively.

The varsity women's team easily handled their competition, as the top four spots in the varsity race belonged to the Bobcats. Stephanie Parker won the competition with a time of 7 minutes, 25.1 seconds for the 'Cats. Finishing out the top four were fellow Bates' teammates Christina Cox, Katie Hammond, and Kristen Silva.

The sweep of the top four spots for the women "shows the talent, depth and commitment of the varsity women... They are a pleasure to watch in competition," said Ruggieri. Female Coxswain Kate Haesche added that "They are such a force when they're together, it's inspiring to watch, and people in the NESCAC and beyond are definitely beginning to sit up and take notice."

The results for the novice squad were not different from those of their teammates. Both top positions belonged to Batesies. On the women's side, Olivia Ester managed a nine second victory over the second place finisher to earn individual title. Her time was good enough to place

her fifth overall for any woman, varsity and non-varsity, thus making the top five women of the day from Bates.

One of the highlights of the day was First-year, Ryan Champagne, as he not only won the individual title for the novice men, but set a new record. His time of 6:24.5 was good enough for the third best overall time of the day, and best time for any Bobcat. "Ryan pulled a Championship record for the novice men," said Ruggieri. "Along with great strength, Ryan is a team player who shows great maturity and love for Bates Crew. His assets go far beyond simple numbers."

The 2000 meter race was the first for many novice team members, and according to many varsity members, they handle it fairly well. Their performance according to Co-Captain for the men, Rick Brown, was outstanding. He states, "If the rowing can keep going like it was there [on the ergs], they have the strength to be ahead of a lot of the other teams on the water." In fact, Iappini puts their strength at top notch, saying "the novices are all superstars and I predict right now that they will win medals at New Englands."

The enormous success of all the teams is a result of their hard work and dedication over the past winter months. Over

February vacation, the team traveled down to Georgia where they were able to train outside in boats, instead of inside on the ergs. The experience was stellar according to everyone. The team was able to row about 150 miles, which equals about three weeks of training on campus. Just the same, the team was able to unite. "Just as important [was that] all programs came together, thus enhancing the importance of working as a unit," states Coach Ruggieri. Altogether the experience in Georgia resulted in a new unity and a strengthened commitment from the rowers.

So what do these results at CBB's and the success of the Georgia trip mean as an indication for the upcoming season? Everyone has a positive outlook for the coming season. Their performance at the erg race was perfect and their success in the off-season can only help their chances to win during the spring. "I think that Bates has a lot to be proud of. We went in there [the erg race] and showed them that we had taken winter training seriously. We showed a lot of class and determination," Parker pointed out.

There is a big difference between training on ergs and training in boats, but if the Bates teams can come together and perform out on the water as they performed at the erg race last Saturday, this coming season will be spectacular for the entire team. No doubt the Bates' Crew teams, in their first year as a varsity sport are going to surprise many people as well as many teams in the NESCAC and in Division III.



## Big year for MLB baseball in many ways

By MATT MEYERS  
Sports Columnist

For almost three weeks major league baseball's spring training camps have been in full swing. This is normally the time when I would really begin to get, as Paul Zinn would say, "fired up." While I am excited about the fact that my favorite team (the New York Mets) is a World Series contender, I am bewildered about the state of major league baseball.

For the past decade the league has deteriorated into about a 15 team league. These 15 teams are the only ones with enough revenue to pay elite players the forever escalating salaries. After these 15 is the other 15 teams with absolutely no chance of having any serious impact on the pennant race. Most of the people on this campus are Red Sox fans, while there is also a fairly large Yankee and Met contingent. These are all teams that have the financial resources to compete. As a result we do not realize what is going on in some of these other cities.

I remember growing up and every spring getting excited about how the Mets were going to do. It didn't matter how little talent they had, there was always hope that they would be contenders. While they couldn't be champs every year, the cycle of the league at that time allowed for almost every team to have its ups and downs over time.

This, however, is no longer the case. I think about what it must be like to grow up in Minnesota right now. I imagine a kid thinking "The Twins are gonna be something this year. That Latroy Hawkins is a superstar!" What that kid doesn't know is that the Twins have virtually no chance.

The same goes for 50% of the league. Throughout the 1990's salaries have escalated to an unbelievable level, surpassing the salaries of all other major sports. Since most teams can't afford the top players, they are concentrated on a few teams. I realize that my team is one of the few that perpetuates this problem by getting involved in bidding wars for the top players.

The problem of escalating salaries will most likely come to a hilt after this season. There is a group of superstar players that includes Manny Ramirez, Chipper Jones, Greg Maddux, Juan Gonzalez and Sammy Sosa that will be free agents after this season. I am not sure there is enough money to pay all these players the money that the market now demands of their services.

The NBA was facing similar problems after a series of huge contracts were signed. The owners locked the players out and there is now a maximum salary an NBA player can receive. The NFL has a policy of full revenue sharing that allows all of the teams to compete on the same level financially. It is inevitable that the baseball owners will try and force the players into a similar agreement since salaries are getting out of hand.

While most people would hate to see a labor stoppage, it has become necessary. The way the league is set up now, there is no reason why the teams from New York and L.A. (among other cities) should ever be bad again. Conversely, it is hard to imagine how Kansas City, Minnesota, Montreal and Pittsburgh can compete with those teams. Sure they all have some good young players, but once those players are eligible for free agency they will flee for more money. Why would Vladimir Guerrero stay in Montreal for 20 million over 4 years when he can have 120 million over 7 years from the Yankees?

This season may prove to be a turning point in the future of major league baseball. If the league does not undergo serious changes to mend the financial disparity among the teams then the next off-season may prove to be the downfall of the league. I can already see it, "Please welcome the American League All-Star team, the New York Yankees."

## NCAA Tournament Preview

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has disappointed this year, but if Joe Forte gets hot and Brendan Haywood realizes he is seven feet tall the Tarheels could make some noise.

**MIDWEST:** I am going to go out on a limb in this region and will proclaim that Michigan State will be visiting Hoosier land come April 1. The Spartan's are the best team in college basketball, and after claiming the Big Ten title last weekend they have peaked at the right time. The boys from Flint played the toughest out of league schedule in America; many of these games without the senior leader Mateen Cleaves; yet they still excelled. Charlie Bell, Morris Peterson, Jason Richardson, AJ Granger, Mike Chappell, all had to step up their game with Cleaves out, and they are a better team for it. Their biggest challenge will come from Iowa State, who earned the number two seed, thanks in part to the play of the best player many people have never heard of, Marcus Fizer. The Cyclones dominated Big Twelve play and Fizer, who has averaged over thirty points in his last eight games, is capable of carrying his team deep into the dance, much like Danny Manning did with Kansas in 1988. Iowa State brings more to the table than just Fizer. Junior college transfer point guard James Tinsley has developed into one of the country's finest distributors and Michael Nurse can stretch the defense with his three-point range. If the Spartans and Cyclones meet in the great eight it will be a battle not to miss.

**BEST FIRST ROUND MATCHUP:** This game does not jump out on paper, but I think St. Bonaventure and Kentucky will be a battle, and the Bonnies will sneak away with this one. Kentucky is reeling after losing starter Desmond Allison to suspension, and they were not that good to begin with. Jamaal Magloire is solid, but Saul Smith is merely the coach's son and without Allison the Wildcats will have to rely solely on inexperienced players such as Tayshaun Prince and Keith Bogans to carry the scoring load. The Bonnies were a bubble team that many crit-

ics thought belonged in the NIT, but this squad has the athleticism to compete with the Wildcats. Lightning quick point guard Tim Winn spearheads the defense and the Bonnies boast a balanced scoring attack with seven players averaging over eight points per game.

**UPSET CITY:** JaRon Rush is a far cry from Kareem, Walton, O'Bannon and other legends that have donned the UCLA baby blue, but he has had a momentous effect on his team. Since Rush's return from an NCAA suspension, the Bruins have reeled off six straight wins, including a thrilling victory over then number one ranked Stanford. The Bruins are a team with a great deal of talent, but with this talent comes rather large egos, and this has hampered the Bruins' success. However, a winning streak can bring a team together and once you're in the tournament, personal pride is thrown out of the window. Dan Gadzuric provides a low post presence; Jason Kappono is the Bruins most dangerous scorer and Rush, Ray Young and Jerome Moiso can score in the lane. The Bruins will do some damage, and if Iowa State is not careful it could be UCLA and Michigan St. for the right to play in the Final Four.

**WEST:** The story of how the West is won will center on the soap opera that is St. John's basketball. Assuming that the NCAA's on again off again suspension of Erick Barkley is off for the next couple of weeks, the Johnnies will go to the Final Four. However St. John's will also have to bury some personal issues between Barkley and the Johnnies big time play maker Bootsie Thorton. Barkley is the best penetrator in college basketball, Thorton can light anyone up and Lavar Postell provides versatility at the forward spot. The one aspect that may hurt St. John's is size. Anthony Glover, their starting center is listed at a generous 6-foot-7. Arizona is the one seed, but without Loren Woods the Wildcats only go six deep and this lack of depth will prove to be their Achilles heel. Jason Gardner and Gilbert Arenas are

two of the most talented first-years in the country. Richard Jefferson is a lottery pick and Luke Walton, is well, he is Bill Walton's son so you know he is a winner. However, the Wildcats will be easily worn down, and the swarming St. John's defense could spell the end of Arizona's season.

**BEST FIRST ROUND MATCHUP:** I am looking forward to the eight, nine game with Wisconsin versus the Fresno county prison. Oops, I mean Fresno State. This contest is worth watching because the Bulldogs feature an All-Star lineup of juvenile delinquents and Courtney Alexander. The nations premier scorer has been sensational all season, but who would know. Playing most of his games well after the midnight hour, this WAC gunner has been unheralded all season. True, Wisconsin is probably the dullest team to watch in the tourney, but I predict Alexander will come out gunning in what is essentially his national audience debut. Watch for the NCAA Tournament scoring record to fall.

**UPSET CITY:** If you know me, then you had to see this pick was coming. Indiana State will play the role of giant killer, slaying seven foot Chris Mihn and the Texas Longhorns. To be honest I know little about Indiana State except that the last time the Sycamores went dancing they almost ran the table thanks to a man named Larry Bird. The Sycamores do not feature anyone near Bird's ability. In fact their whole starting lineup combined does not equal Bird's talent, but the Sycamores have history on their side. Plus the Final Four is being played in Indiana. Can you say destiny? Will there be a Michigan State, Indiana State rematch of their 1978 title game? No way in hell, but it's a nice thought.

In the end the Duke Blue Devils will prevail. Why? Because the Dukies have talent, coaching, mystic and most importantly, my undying support. Last year the Blue Devils lost when they should have won, and I took a lot of heat for this. This year Duke is going to bring home the crown and Bates will hear about it!

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# Trinity Defeats Men's Lax 15-10

By PAUL ZINN  
Sports Editor

The men's lacrosse team missed an opportunity to set the stage for the rest of their season on Sunday, by dropping a tough, 15-10 decision to the Trinity Bantams.

That said, the Bobcats, now 3-1, will still have plenty of opportunities this season, and they still have a really good team, probably the best since Coach Al Brown took over. The loss to Trinity doesn't hurt the Bobcats that much, and this team still has a good shot to make it to the postseason.

"The team played well enough to win against Trinity," commented Coach Al Brown. "I do not think it was our best play but we played well. They made a few more big plays than we did. We had our opportunities to score but didn't capitalize. They have a senior goalie who was the top keeper in the league and he made a few critical saves. Overall it was a good NESCAC lacrosse game."

A win over the Bantams would have cemented the Bobcats in the Northeast this year. That is something this team has been trying to do for the last two years. They haven't been able to because of a lack of wins over the perennial powers in the Northeast.

Sunday was the first opportunity to do that this season, but it certainly won't be the last.

The Trinity game was a very closely-contested game, and one in which the Bobcats were in a position to win. Bates would hold a 3-2 lead heading to the locker room at the end of the first half, despite trailing 2-1 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bobcats were right in the thick of a defensive minded game, against a team that has been a solid team in the Northeast over the last few years.

However, Trinity would gain the advantage in the third quarter, reeling off seven goals, to the Bobcats four. That gave Trinity a 9-7 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Bobcats, who needed a comeback, couldn't muster enough offense, as they were outscored 6-3 in the fourth. The strong second half gave the Bantams a 15-10 win in their opening game of the 2000 season.

The game went back and forth the entire second half until midway through the fourth quarter, when the Bantams were able to string together a chain of goals to seal the 15-10 victory.

The Bates' attack was led by the likes of sophomores Dave Frederick and Jack Sandler, who had four goals between them. Each had three goals for the Bobcats. Mike D'Addario, Jeff Critchlow, Jon Miller, and Jon Fador also had goals for the 'Cats.

Senior Aaron Sells added two assists, while Frederick also had two.

The Bantams were led by Mike Tassie, who had a game-high six goals. Also in on the attack for Trinity was Andy Hayes (3 goals) and Ravi Pillay (2 goals).

Bates was outshot 34-26 by Trinity, forcing senior Dirk Huntington to stop 21 shots in the net to help the Bobcats stay in the game. Matt Jerry made 16 saves for Trinity in the victory.

"We came back after the game and practiced very hard," added Brown. "Even though we lost, I think the team understands how far they have come. We played an aggressive offensive and defensive style and had our chances. Trinity was very good and we were not far from a win."

"We will be in all of our games this year and will need to finish plays at both ends of the field."

The Bobcats will next face Wentworth, a team they beat a season ago by a score of 13-5. That game is slated for tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The 'Cats must regroup now, and realize that they still have many chances this season to make their presence. Those games will come when Bates takes on the likes of Wesleyan, Colby, Bowdoin, Tufts, and Middlebury later this season.

# Ippolito has two top 20 finishes for Bates at skiing nationals

## Four other Bates' skiers competed at nationals.

By JAMIE MCGOVERN  
Staff Writer

Junior Janel Ippolito recorded two top twenty five finishes at the National Collegiate skiing championships last weekend in Utah, and first-year teammate Kim Rogers placed 21st overall in the women's slalom event.

Ippolito, who qualified for the NCAA's last season at Sunday River, finished 14th in the GS event. She was the only Bates' alpine skier to record a finishing time in both the GS and slalom.

"I was very happy with my GS finish, and I thought my slalom performance was all right," said Ippolito, who finished 22nd in the slalom.

"I think my prior experience at the nationals helped me," Ippolito said. "This is a big race and there is a lot of pressure. I was much more relaxed this year than last year."

Rogers didn't seem to be bothered by competing in the NCAA's as a first-year. After falling in her second run of the GS, she came back to finish 21st in the slalom, just 8 hundredths of a second ahead of Ippolito. "The competition was pretty much what I expected. There wasn't anything that our team didn't expect," Rogers said.

"I was thrilled to represent Bates as a first-year. The other members of the team, having prior experience at the NCAA's, helped guide me and keep a positive attitude despite our misfortunes," added Rogers.

The nationals were held this year in Park City, Utah. One consideration of com-

peting in the west is the higher elevations of the mountains. To prepare for this, the skiers arrived in Utah several days before the start of the races to adjust to the altitude.

"By the time of the races, we were all pretty well adjusted to the higher altitudes. I think the nordic skiers were more affected than the alpine skiers," said Ippolito.

The alpine skiers had enough to deal with, especially the very difficult slope where the courses were set. Many skiers fell in the GS, including three from Bates.

Sophomore Kyle Hildebrand, also competing in his second national championships, did not finish in the GS. He was 7th after his first run in the slalom, but fell in his second run and finished 32nd overall.

Sophomore Jaime Berrian placed 27th in the slalom. This was a strong finish for Berrian, who has been battling injuries since the first carnival of the season.

The finishes for the Bates alpine team were rather disappointing. "As a team, Bates didn't do as well as we wanted or expected to. In ski racing, it happens though, and we just have to look at how well our regular season went and stay positive for next year," Rogers said.

The lone nordic skier for Bates was first-year Justin Easter. In the 10k freestyle, Easter finished 37th with a time of 34:51.7. In the 20k classic event, he posted a time of 56:12.2, earning him 36th place.

Denver University won the NCAA Championships with 367 points. Perennial northeast powerhouse UVM finished in third place with 300.

# Women's Lax looks to move up the NESCAC ladder

By PAUL ZINN  
Sports Editor

Things are looking up for the women's lacrosse team as they begin their 2000 campaign. The team showed a lot of improvement in Wynn Hohlt's first year at head coach. Now the Bobcats will be looking to take the next step, and to become competitive in NESCAC lacrosse. This will certainly not be an easy task as the NESCAC, in terms of women's lacrosse, is one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

"I'm very excited at the prospects for this year," said Hohlt. "I'm cautiously optimistic given the conference we play in. You don't want to get too excited, and then have the wind taken out of your sails."

"The team has grown this year with ten first-years making up the base of the team," commented tri-captain Erin Flynn. "With their positive attitudes, incredible dedication and excellent skill added to the talent that we already have, I believe that our team has the ability to stand up against the toughest teams in the NESCAC. We have been training long and hard since our trip to Florida and feel that we are already one step ahead of everyone else!"

The 'Cats return a lot of talent, and they have added a really good rookie class. This is not a conference where becoming a premier team is easy. It is one of the best in the country. It is a transition that takes time, and the first step was taken last year when the Bobcats played such teams as Connecticut College tough.



Women's Lacrosse prepares for spring season.

Asad Butt/The Bates Student

According to Hohlt, the next step will include becoming even more competitive in the conference, and pulling off some upsets over NESCAC teams. Here's how the Bobcats plan to do all of this.

**Goal:** Bates returns both Maria Sparks and Jen Strahle. Strahle started eight of 14 games last year, but the starter for this season's team is very much up in the air. Sparks has come a long way since she was a third-string goalie a season ago. However, both have improved dramatically since their rookie season's last year, and will battle for

the starting spot this season. Hohlt expects the team to be more consistent in net this year, as both Strahle and Sparks have gained experience, playing against the tough NESCAC schedule last year.

**Defense:** The Bates' defense should be exciting to watch. There is a lot of raw, inexperienced talent there. The Bobcats lost all but one starting defender last year. The one that remains is junior tri-captain Sarah McGrath. The defense may be inexperienced, but they are athletic and have a lot of talent. Expect them to get going as the

season gets older, and to be playing real solid lacrosse by season's end. Look for junior Alanna DeNapoli and sophomore Tori Hasler to provide added depth to the defense. The addition of first-year Claire Cuno, an outstanding defender, should also help to spark the defense.

**Offense (Midfield and Defense):** The midfielders on this team are part of a talented group of offensive players that can play multiple positions. Junior Erin Flynn, the Bobcats' leading scorer for the past two seasons, should anchor the midfield. The midfield will also receive a major contribution from the lone senior on the squad, Blaine Hudson, one of this season's tri-captains. Kathrene Tiffany, Johanna Fierman, Liz Lawler, Abbie Lusardi will also play significant roles in the midfield. Attack and Midfield are combined in many ways, so many of the players from the midfield will provide much of the offense. However, look for returning players such as Liz Coulson, Jen Sall and Liz Stefany to anchor an attack, which has a deep talent pool this season.

The Bobcats will get underway March 25th vs. Bridgewater St. That game will be played M.I.T. After two more road games, one of which is Williams, the team will play its home opener on April 8th against Trinity. NESCAC home games against the likes

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## Congratulations to the Bobcats of the Week:

*Matt Twiest  
Ryan Champagne*

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## Put the Books Away; it's NCAA Tourney Time

By BILLY HART  
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It's March and those endless caffeine induced nights spent in the geekbox are finally going to pay off. True, the term is far from complete, but thanks to my supreme academic dedication I can now afford to watch my GPA wither away as I engross myself in hoops heaven, the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Why March has not been sanctioned as a national month of rest is beyond me. I suggest we trade in all holidays in exchange for two straight weeks of basketball bliss. I believe all televisions should be programmed to CBS, the station that broadcasts the games. Sorry all you 90210 groupies. Instead of Tory you will see a whole lot of Scoonie.

Many of my non basketball watching cronies may think that I have gone mad during these next few weeks, and I would have to agree, the madness of March routinely consumes myself, and my fellow basketball diehards. In fact it has caused certain anonymous individuals to perform some maddening actions.

Take for example the boy, who will remain nameless, who attempted to smuggle a portable television into his middle school science fair. While parents riddled him with questions surrounding the issue of photosynthesis the bright lights of the UMASS game illuminating from beneath a table consumed him. The boy's only defense when confronted by authority figures was that the science fair should never have been scheduled on such a momentous evening.

March has the ability to cause a certain young man to wear a piece of his favorite school's clothing each time they take the court. The madness can result in two college men, again they will remain anonymous, to dress up in their spiffiest semi-formal attire and troop to a gala only to leave five minutes after arriving in order to catch the second half of a tournament semifinal.

There is no guaranteeing you will experience any of the madness first hand, but by tuning into the tournament here is what you will find.

EAST: The Duke Blue Devils have secured the number one seed in this region, but their road to Indianapolis presents quite a few speed bumps. After the walk-ons manhandle Lamar, the Devils could be faced with games against Kansas, Illinois and Temple. This schedule would make the Celtics cringe. However, Duke is too talented to allow this schedule to derail their progress. With Carlos Boozer cleaning the glass, Jason Williams running the show and the nations most under appreciated player, Shane Battier, doing a bit of everything, the Blue Devils will be tough to stop. The key to Duke's success might very well lie in the hands of freshman forward Mike Dunleavy, who is recovering from a bout with mononucleosis. The only team capable of challenging Duke in this bracket is Temple. The Owls boast a complete lineup with Quincy Wadley and Lynn

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## Adams Gains All-American Honors

By PAUL ZINN  
Sports Editor

The five Bates' athletes that were competing in the national championships, at Illinois-Wesleyan this past weekend, all placed in the top ten. As a team, the Bates' men placed 15th.

However, the likes of Lucas Adams, Rob Davis, Erika Bristol, Matt Twiest, and Mike Danahy weren't able to do what they wanted to do. The Bobcats were certainly looking for a better result, which says a considerable amount about this team because the results were still solid enough that most teams would have been happy with them. It tells people how good this team really is when they want better results in a meet as competitive at nationals.

Men's Coach Al Fereshetian commented, "We were a little disappointed in the results. We placed 15th in the nation which should be pretty good, but everyone on the team felt we could have done better."

Bristol said, "Overall it was a positive experience that I can put towards the outdoor season. I just wish all five of us could have come home All-Americans. We were disappointed with ourselves, I think but also we wanted to show everyone how we do things here at Bates."

Bates, as a team, was tied for 15th with eight points, all of which were won by Lucas Adams in the weight throw, as the senior was the national runner-up in that event. However Davis, Bristol, Twiest, and Danahy were all in the top ten as well.

"The effort was great, but we didn't generate the results we wanted too," added Fereshetian. "We went in with high expectations, but when the results didn't come easily we didn't refocus and readjust our approach real well."

There were four other top ten finishes, with Bristol taking seventh in the women's weight throw, and Davis reeling in an eighth place finish in the men's weight



The five track competitors that went to nationals.

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throw.

Danahy was ninth in the 5,000 meter run, and Twiest was tenth in the 1,500 meter run.

In 15th place, with eight points, the Bobcats were tied with seven other teams, one of which was Bowdoin College.

All eight points were earned by Adams' second place finish. The senior was the top seed in the weight throw, heading into nationals, and is now a three-time All-American, with his second place finish. He wasn't far off from being the national champion either.

Adams had a final throw of 56 feet, four inches, which wasn't good enough to beat Colin Smith of DePauw, who had a heave of 58 feet, five and 3/4 inches.

He won a great honor, even before the meet, in being named the Division III Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Year, something that summarizes what Adams has been able to do this season, in dominating the competition in the weight throw this season and throughout his career.

Classmate Rob Davis was making his

first trip to nationals, and took eighth in the weight throw. This meet was no different than many this season, as Adams and Davis have been a force in the weight throw all season.

On the women's side of things, in the 20 pound weight throw, it was Erika Bristol taking seventh in the nation, something that is also quite impressive.

"Nationals was exciting but a bit disappointing for all of us," said Bristol. "I was seeded higher than my performance which always is hard for me to accept. I am very happy I had the opportunity to even go and compete, though. I kept thinking about the fact that I was in the Finals at Nationals. It was something I have had my sights on for my entire career at Bates. It was neat to finally realize that I belonged there and earned my spot. That was a problem all season mentally for me."

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## Crew Has Perfect Sweep at Erg Race

By ASAD BUTT  
Photo Editor

This past Saturday, the Bates men's and women's Crew team traveled to Bowdoin to compete in the annual BBC Erg Race. The competition is a first chance for rowers to test their abilities against other schools after a long winter of training.

An erg race is a 2000 meter race on a rowing machine. These rowing machines, or ergs, are the focal point of winter training for crew teams, whose main areas of practice are frozen over. The erg race, like crew races, is a test against time; whoever can cover the specified distance the fastest, wins. The BBC championships are won by the team whose average time of their top eight finishers is the best. Their are four categories, Novice men, Novice women, Varsity men, and Varsity women.

The weekend belonged entirely to

Bates, as they swept the competition, winning BBC championships for all four categories: mens and women's varsity and novice. Along with the BBC championships, three of the four individual titles were captured by Batesies, among them a new BBC individual erg record for novices. Richard Ruggieri, the head coach for the Bates team said of his team "we saw improvement in each squad as compared to last year and personal bests from 95% of the varsity."

The varsity men's team barely edged out annual power Colby by only a half a second is the total scores. "Colby has always proved to be one of the top crews, at least for men, in New England, so they are a good team to measure up against," said Andy Iappini, a junior on the squad.

Colby's team finished among the top teams in Division III in New England, so a



Jesse Laflamme in action Saturday.

*Ryan Champagne/  
The Bates Student*

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